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Kaplan and Wiesenthal meeting in Washington

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO —

A face-to-face meeting between Canadian solicitor-general Bob Kaplan and nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal in Washington on April 13 may well signal a new initiative towards bringing war criminals living in Canada to justice.

Kaplan is meeting with Wiesenthal at the Canadian embassy along with an RCMP official and a member of his department.

It is believed this is the first time the Canadian government has sought out Wiesenthal for information and evidence.

Kaplan said his job upon returning to Canada would be to study the evidence carefully — a task which could take months.

At the same time, Kaplan said he is going to take a new look at existing legislation for the prosecution of war criminals — legislation upon which doubt was cast during the federal elections in February by Jacques Flynn, then Canadian justice minister, and legal experts in the justice department.

Flynn was reported as saying that the 1946 War Crimes Act provided only for a trial before a military court. "There is no possibility of a jury trial and the rules of evidence are much less stringent than they would be in ordinary criminal proceedings," he said.

Flynn's judgments were challenged by many leaders in the Jewish community who contended that the rights of the accused would be guarded just as zealously by a military court as in a civilian court. And they pointed out, the act could be amended, if necessary, to provide for trial by a civilian court.

Commenting on the controversy, Kaplan replied that he wanted to review the existing legislation more closely before giving an opinion on its applicability.

Should the legislation such as the 1946 War Crimes Act not be a proper vehicle for prosecution, Kaplan said there are two options to follow: "Either we introduce new or amending legislation or the Canadian government can consider extradition to Israel with whom Canada does have an extradition treaty and where proper legislation for prosecution exists," he said.

Kaplan revealed that he already discussed the possibility of extradition with Shmuel Tamir, Israel minister of justice, when he visited Toronto for the Canadian Zionist Federation Convention last month.

Kaplan's willingness to look at alternatives and act quickly comes in the wake of a long period of official inactivity and apparent reluctance to ferret out war criminals in Canada.

During the dying days of World War II and after, an undetermined number of war criminals from Germany but more particularly Eastern Europe came to North America and settled in Canada and the United States.

In a visit to Toronto last month, U.S. nazi hunter Dr. Charles Kremer claimed he had extensive files on some 53 known war criminals living in Canada.

The Austrian-based Wiesenthal, head of the Jewish Documentation Centre in Vienna, claimed in March 1979 that "the Canadian government has made the country a safe haven for nazis." His investigators were reported to have gathered evidence against hundreds of alleged war criminals in Canada.

"Canada is presented with evidence and does nothing," Wiesenthal said then. "Since the war, not one criminal has been tried or deported." In addition, no one seems to know what has become of the dossiers, specifically accusing eight Canadians of war crimes, compiled by Wiesenthal and submitted to former secretary of state John Roberts.

Efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress to legally pursue war criminals in Canada, until the last couple of years, are believed to have concentrated primarily on trying to have the citizenship revoked of convicted war criminals.

In the spring of 1979, CJC was reported to have started examining legislative avenues for prosecution. Research over the period of one year uncovered the little-known War Crimes Act of 1946 — which CJC subsequently concluded was both available and applicable for the arrest and trial of war criminals.

The subject of much controversy since it was brought to the public's attention, the War Crimes Act now awaits Kaplan's inspection.

But should it not be as viable as originally assumed, Kaplan emphasized, the Canadian government will look at the other options to bring war criminals to trial.

A long-time proponent of bringing war criminals to justice, Kaplan introduced a private member's bill in the spring of 1979 calling for an amendment to Canada's Citizenship Act which would revoke citizenship to anyone convicted of a war crime under the Geneva Convention. The bill was not debated.

In the U.S....

Little support for settlements policy

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's recent appearance before the senate foreign relations and house foreign affairs committees clearly demonstrated the angry mood on Capitol Hill following the Carter administration's flip-flop March 1 United Nations Security Council resolution condemning Israeli settlements in the territories captured during the 1967 Six Day War.

But in between the acrimonous exchanges between the secretary and the lawmakers involving the significance of the anti-Israel vote, another point also became very apparent: Israel has very little support in the Congress for its policy of creating or expanding new settlements in Judea and Samaria at this time.

Israeli officials here in Washington have been aware of this Congressional opposition for some time. Privately, many members of Congress, including Israel's most devoted supporters, had conveyed their concerns to the Israeli embassy.

Indeed, when senators and representatives reacted to the U.S. vote at the UN by announcing their determination to hold special hearings to investigate the events leading up to the reversal, Israel diplomats initially reacted with mixed feelings.

Senior White House and State Department officials, anxious to avoid hearings on the U.S. vote altogether, unsuccessfully tried to convince pro-Israel legislators to drop the entire concept of Congressional hearings by making the argument that Israel's own best interests might be damaged. But senators and representatives, outraged by the U.S. vote, refused to back down.

Now that the hearings have concluded, Israeli officials and other pro-Israel activists here agree that their initially mixed feelings were justified. During the course of several hours of Vance's intense Congressional grillings before the two key panels, not one member actually defended Israel's recent decisions to establish a Jewish presence in Hebron or to create new settlements elsewhere on the West Bank.

Most of Vance's questioners preferred to remain silent on the entire issue of settlements — although a few, including some close friends of Israel spoke out against the settlements.

From Israel's point of view, the two most painful examples of anti-settlement spokesmen were Sen. Frank Church, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and Sen. Joseph Biden, a ranking member of the panel.

Israeli diplomats here do not get very disturbed when Rep. Paul Findley or another pro-PLO congressman rebukes Israel's settlement policies. From them, Israel has come to accept such condemnations.

But when someone with a long record of support for Israel, by both word and deed, publicly attacks the Israeli government on this issue, that's another matter.

The committee chairman, during an exchange with Vance, agreed with the Carter administration that the settlements, at this time, were "not helpful, not positive." He stated that he disagreed with the latest Israeli government decisions, "and I've made that clear."

Biden, who led the 1978 fight on the Senate floor against the administration's "package" sale of F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia, was even more biting in his comments.

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(IPPA photo)

U.S. chief negotiator, Sol Linowitz [right] met with Dr. Josef Burg, head of the Israel autonomy delegation.

IN ART GALLERY DISPLAY

This ketubah [marriage contract] inscribed and illuminated on paper in Constantinople, Turkey in 5623 [1863] is part of a display of 38 ketubahs now being exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario until April 27. The show will then circulate throughout Ontario. Ketubahs are mainly from Cecil Roth Collection of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. A color poster and illustrated catalogue, produced with financial help from Sam Sherbowitz, are available in Gallery Shop.

OKs undivided Jerusalem

WASHINGTON [JCNS] —

Republican presidential front runner Ronald Reagan says Israel should retain sovereignty over all of Jerusalem as part of any final peace settlement.

"I mean that the sovereignty is Israel's," he told Jewish leaders in New York.

"An undivided city of Jerusalem means sovereignty for Israel over that city," he said.

But in response to written questions posed by the Near East Report, a weekly Washington-based newsletter, Reagan stopped just short of actually calling for U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

"I believe that this is something to which the Republican Party platform process should give serious and careful attention," he said.

Now that Reagan has moved way ahead in the Republican primaries, the former California governor's Middle East positions are being much more closely scrutinized, writes the JCNS correspondent.

So far, he has been saying all the right things, as far as Israel is concerned. Indeed, political observers are already speculating that he could attract sizeable Jewish support against President Carter during the November elections.

Delegate election procedure approved

TORONTO —

The following statement was released this week by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress:

A special meeting of the national officers of Canadian Jewish Congress was held on April 6 to consider some questions raised with regard to the procedures surrounding the Ontario region delegates elections held on March 27. Also considered was the question of eligibility of delegates based on being "in good standing" in local UJA campaigns, as expressed in the Canadian Jewish Congress constitution.

Representation was made by a spokesman for the North American Jewish Students Network which had raised several issues of concern.

After full consideration of all the issues, the national officers concluded that despite certain technical irregularities which may have occurred (arising from the attempt to include as many voters and nominees as possible) the election process is deemed to be valid and it was confirmed.

Tabulation of the results of the election was not completed by the time of the officers' meeting.

The CJC plenary assembly will be held May 1-4 at the Hilton Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

The PLO threat

KIBBUTZ MISGAV AM

Israeli troops on Monday killed all five Palestinian terrorists who murdered a baby and two adults and seized six hostages at this kibbutz near the Lebanese border. The attack centred on a nursery.

The troops stormed a building in which the terrorists held the hostages for some nine hours.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, in a message from Beirut, claimed responsibility for the attack. The PLO was demanding the release of 50 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails and wanted an airplane to fly them out of Israel.

Shankman appeals for greater commitment

TORONTO —

Lawrence Shankman, beginning his second term as Toronto chairman for State of Israel Bonds, has urged the community to lend maximum support to Israel "at this crucial moment of her existence."

"Conditions of crisis have been synonymous with Israel ever since the miraculous recreation of the state 32 years ago and the response of Diaspora Jews has invariably been commensurate with the seriousness of each situation," he said.

He noted that the response to the Yom Kippur War was that more than $45 million was raised in Toronto by Bonds and the United Jewish Appeal. But now, he added, "Toronto Jewry's response is only half of that memorable attainment...at a time when each dollar purchases only 50 cents worth of the essentials Israel requires.

"Effectively, our response is approximately one-quarter of our previous vote of confidence, concern and solidarity," he declared.

Shankman reviewed some of the major and costly problems facing Israel: dismantling the settlements and defence bases in the Sinai because of the peace agreement with Egypt and moving them to the Negev; and the galloping inflation.

He pointed out that the total contribution from the Diaspora of Bond dollars, UJA dollars, Yeshiva, Hadassah, Pioneer Women and Israel institution dollars is approximately $700 million a year — about 5% of Israel's total budget.

"For a 5% investment are we entitled to more than a 5% say in the decisions which directly affect the people of Israel? he asked. Yet, he said, "too many of us protest that Israel is ready to accept our gift and tourist dollars but not as ready to accept our criticism of religious or political policies."

He said that "enemies and so-called friends" are urging Israel to give up the West Bank but, recalling a recent visit to Israel, he said he was made very much aware of the danger of relinquishing the areas which provide a measure of defence for the country. He was at a new development at Maale Adumin on the West Bank and "on the horizon we saw some of Jerusalem's tall buildings...only 10 miles away as the crow flies... or as the bullets fly.

Lawrence Shankman

Hostile forces on this ground," he continued, "could hit Jerusalem at will. Mortars and tanks could level any section of the Holy City."

Shankman said the world is asking Israel to commit national suicide by giving up the West Bank and, he asked, "can we in any way pay lip service to this demand?

"Israel," he continued, has suggested that Jew and Arab be encouraged to live and work together on the West Bank, but the Israeli military must be maintained there at least until such a time that the Arab swords have been 'beaten into plowshares.'"

Shankman urged that Jews of the Diaspora be "less ready to second the slurs and accusations leveled at Israel by nations intimidated by Arab energy resources. Let us, at least, accept the fact that blood IS thicker than oil...and that even if some people say they can live without Jews but not without oil, we don't agree."

Shankman called for greater commitment to Israel by increasing the investment in Israel Bonds.

"Members of the Prime Ministers Club," he said, "who have helped Israel write many illustrious chapters should agree to meeting a greater share of responsibility. The member who has traditionally purchased a $10,000 Bond should seriously consider the greater commitment of Prime Minister's Club status, and the thousands of $250, $500 and $1,000 Bond buyers should evaluate to what greater extent each can help Israel in an era of worldwide inflation.

"For Israel," he said, "Israel Bonds provide essential low cost dollars to sustain her economy and help her develop. For us, Israel provides low-cost insurance for Jewish survival, esteem and purpose. Those of us who remember a world without Israel appreciate the importance of endorsing this privilege of serving as partners in building a free land for a free people..."

JCC announces . . .

Facility is added in North-East area

TORONTO —

The Valley Tennis and Swim Centre, at 7015 Leslie St., just north of Steeles, has become a facility of the Jewish Community Centre, according to an announcement from JCC president Bernard S. Dales.

Dales said the new facility "expands our opportunity to service the population in the north-east area. There are a lot of people there."

Sid Brail, executive director of the JCC, said that if the summer program at the Valley centre proves popular, there is a possibility year-round facilities may be built at the site.

The centre is on 14 acres of land in Thornhill. In addition to 16 floodlit outdoor tennis court, there's a large modern clubhouse, a kosher snack bar, pro shop, carpeted locker room, showers, sauna and a 75-foot heated outdoor pool.

Brail and members of the JCC and last year's Valley centre members can use the facility at a cost of $225 (adult membership). JCC members can also use the tennis courts at the north branch.

Non-members can join at a cost of $325.

Brail said there will be no additional court charges, but he added that membership is limited.

Israel and Jordan negotiating on sharing water

WASHINGTON [JCNS] —

In addition to the highly-publicized Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy, the United States is also involved in a much more discreet, behind-the-scenes mediatory effort to reach an agreement between Israel and Jordan on the vital question of future water sources.

Without much fanfare, senior U.S. officials have been shuttling between the Israeli and Jordanian governments to try to find some mutually beneficial level of co-operation in sharing the region's limited supply of water.

"Right now," one U.S. official said, "we're at the stage of advanced fact-finding as both sides continue to exchange perceptions. We're passing information back and forth between the parties."

Clearly, no agreement has yet been reached. Indeed, in recent weeks, there have been some serious diplomatic squabbles between Washington, Jerusalem and Amman arising from such politically sensitive questions as Israel's responsibility for negotiating a suitable future amount of water supplies for the West Bank and Gaza Strip. For the most part, the diplomats have managed to keep their water-related spats out of the news media limelight. All three sides agree that too much public exposure of the problems at this stage would serve no one's interest.

But given the enormous stakes involved, observers here anticipate that the issues will begin to hit the headlines as the negotiators get down to some of the real gut questions.

While water may not be generally regarded as a super-important issue — in the words of one diplomat here — it is recognized by knowledgeable observers as a potential flashpoint for war, given the region's limited amount.

"The pressure of rising demand for a fixed and limited supply of a resource as vital as water could have far-reaching political significance — both as a cause of conflict and as an imperative for co-operation," Joseph C. Wheeler, a senior official of the government's Agency for International Development (AID), told a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee. "Clearly, water issues will increasingly occupy the attention of the political leadership of the region."

In his carefully-prepared statement, Wheeler touched upon the major point of possible friction between Israel and Jordan. "Of particular concern," he said, "is the area on both sides of the lower Jordan River where Israel, Jordan and the West Bank share geographically the surface waters and, in part, the underground waters.

"The useable capacity of the principal surface resource, the Jordan River, and its natural storage reservoir, Lake Tiberias, has been exploited. Groundwater aquifers are being pumped annually to limits just short of net depletion and irreversible deterioration; there is little expectation of finding additional aquifers with significant yields."

According to Wheeler and other water experts, the last not fully utilized water source of consequence in the area is the Yarmouk River, a Jordan River tributary flowing through Jordan. Jordan has unveiled a $1 billion scheme to control the Yarmouk's waters by constructing a storage dam at Maqarin on the border between Jordan and Syria some 30 miles above the Yarmouk's confluence with the Jordan River, just below Lake Tiberias on the Israeli-Jordanian border — an area known as the Yarmouk triangle.

The United States has pledged to provide $150 million to the project, which is currently scheduled for completion around 1987. Fifteen other prospective donors — including France, West Germany, Britain, the European Investment Bank, the World Bank and several oil-rich Arab countries — met in London last October and agreed to finance the balance. Actual construction has not yet started, although the project "is beyond the feasibility studies," an American official said.

Completion of the Maqarin Dam could cause serious problems for Israel if it diverted some of the Yarmouk's waters from the Triangle and the Jordan River. Potentially, Israeli officials fear it could increase the salinity of the Jordan River and cut its flow.

Thus, Israel is recognized by Jordan and the United States as maintaining legitimate riparian rights to the Yarmouk's waters.

As a matter of principle, the World Bank insists that all disputes involving riparian rights are resolved before financing new water projects. Late last year, the bank asked the United States, which has diplomatic representation in both Israel and Jordan, to use its good offices to secure an agreement on this delicate question.

"Israel has an interest in making sure that an adequate amount of water reaches the Jordan River from the Yarmouk," a U.S. official said. "Jordan recognizes Israel's riparian rights."

Further complicating the issue is the fact that completion of the dam will also have an impact on the water sources of the West Bank. Israeli officials are insisting that Jordan agree in advance on the amount of water which will flow from the Yarmouk to Israel and the West Bank after the dam is built.

During discussions with U.S. officials here and in Jerusalem, Israel has pointed out that a reduction in water flowing from the Yarmouk to the Jordan River would automatically result in further water drilling of West Bank underground aquifers, which carry water to within Israel's pre-1967 lines.

"That means that we'll have less water," an Israeli source said.

World News

Many of Ronald Reagan's key advisors are influential supporters of Israel

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

With former California Governor Ronald Reagan moving way ahead in the Republican presidential primaries, Israeli officials here in Washington and their U.S. supporters are taking a closer look at his publicly-stated positions on the Middle East and, perhaps even more important at his senior foreign policy advisers most likely to shape policy if he is elected in November.

From Israel's standpoint, there is no doubt that Reagan is currently saying all the right things. Repeatedly, in recent weeks, he has called attention to Israel's "strategic" value to the United States. During the March 13 Republican candidates' debate in Chicago, for example, he declared that Israel is "the only stable, democratic government" in the Middle East, with "a combat-trained and combat-experienced military" ready to serve as a "deterrent to further Soviet aggression."

Such comments, obviously, are warmly welcomed by Israeli leaders, although they have no great illusions about campaign rhetoric. They've heard it all in the past, only to be disappointed during the first years of new administrations.

Thus, what's crucial in assessing the likely direction of U.S. policy during a Reagan administration are the people surrounding him. As Washington Post columnist Stephen S. Rosenfeld pointed out on March 21, Reagan, like Jimmy Carter in 1976, has limited national security experience. And that means that his foreign policy aides, like those of Carter before him, will largely shape the direction of U.S. policy.

Who are the people advising Reagan on the Middle East? What are their views about Israel?

I put that question the other day to Republican Representative Jack Kemp of New York state. Kemp is one of Israel's most ardent and important friends in the U.S. Congress. He has been an active Reagan supporter for many years. Currently, he serves as chairman of policy development for the Reagan campaign.

Kemp, at age 44, is just beginning his political career. There has been considerable press speculation that he might be asked by Reagan to serve as a vice-presidential running mate. Other insiders have mooted Kemp for a cabinet post, perhaps as secretary of the treasury or state. In the Reagan campaign, he is among the two or three closest advisers to the contender and, with the exception of Reagan, probably the best campaigner.

Kemp is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, which must review all economic and military assistance for Israel. He has been to Israel on several occasions and has a good understanding of Israel's problems.

With that in mind, I asked him whether Reagan will support continued, high-level aid programs for Israel. President Jimmy Carter, I pointed out, while not perfect from Israel's point of view, has already demonstrated his support for Israel by providing billions of dollars in economic and military assistance — some $10 billion during his first four years in office. Reagan, who has never served in the Congress and, therefore, has never had to actually vote for a large Israeli aid package, is still to be tested.

Hovering over an Israeli fear about Reagan's possible attitude towards foreign aid is the fact that many conservatives in the Senate and House consistently vote against the annual foreign assistance program, of which Israel, in recent years, has been the largest individual recipient.

Kemp shot back with a firm "yes" when asked whether Reagan will continue to meet Israel's economic and military aid requirements.

Kemp said that when he accepted the post in the Reagan campaign, he insisted on having input in two specific areas: domestic economic policy and foreign affairs. On the latter, he said, he was particularly interested in Israel.

"I wanted to know in my heart, personally, intellectually and politically, what his stand was with regard to Israel," the Congressman said. "I wanted to know because I've visited Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Treblinka, and because I know how strategically important Israel is to the United States."

Regarding the matter of aid to Israel, Kemp pointed to an article written by Reagan last August in which the Presidential hopeful asserted: "It is foolhardy to risk weakening our most critical remaining regional strategic asset. Yet, if administration policies should serve to weaken Israel either through building the basis for a radical Palestinian state on her borders or through providing her with insufficient military assistance, the tasks of Kremlin planners dealing with the Middle East would be enormously eased and a determined barrier to Soviet expansionism in the region would have been withdrawn."

Kemp said there was "absolutely no debate" in Reagan's policy team about the value of Israel to the United States. On March 10, Reagan held a four-hour, foreign policy strategy session in Atlanta with his top advisers, including Kemp and Richard V. Allen, who is probably the most important foreign policy aide to Reagan. Allen, a Washington consultant, is a longtime supporter of Israel.

A review of the other advisers consulted by Reagan indicates that those with a background in the Middle East are also active and articulate friends of Israel. Attending the briefing session in Atlanta, for instance, were Dr. Joseph Churba, the former Middle East intelligence chief in the U.S. air force who now serves as president of the Centre for International Security here in Washington, a private research organization; Dr. Raymond Tanter, professor of political science at the University of Michigan and currently Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's Wilson Centre (and, in recent years, a visiting professor at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem); Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, U.S. Air Force (ret.), a former director of the defense intelligence agency in the Pentagon who is now co-chairman of the Coalition for Peace Through Strength in Washington; and Dr. Fred Ikle, who from 1973 through 1977 served as director of the U.S. government's arms control and disarmament agency.

"We all agreed," said Kemp, "that the current administration's inconsistency towards Israel has to stop." He said the United States, during a Reagan presidency, could never vote in the UN Security Council against Israel, as was the case on March 1 by the Carter administration. "I can assure you of that," he said.

Kemp, who delivered a well-received paper on international terrorism at a conference in Jerusalem last summer, said Reagan will never waffle on the issue of the Palestine Liberation Organization. "When I discussed the PLO with Reagan," Kemp recalled, "I called it a wholly-owned subsidiary of the KGB. He laughed, and said, 'You're exactly right.' He said it was his understanding that the PLO is being trained, armed and supported by the Soviet Union. I think Reagan sees the world as it is."

The congressman was particularly bitter about British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's assertion recently that the PLO was not "terrorist." Commented Kemp: "Lord Carrington probably thinks that the people holding the American hostages at the embassy in Teheran are graduate students from Stanford University."

U.S. groups going to West Bank

NEW YORK [JTA] —

In a sharp rebuke to the Carter administration's affirmative role for the anti-Israel resolution in the United Nations Security Council on March 1, representatives of seven American Jewish groups have announced plans to establish new immigrant communities in Judaea and Samaria.

At a joint press conference, the representatives of the groups — comprising 608 families totaling some 2307 persons — declared:

"We are determined to go to Eretz Israel, build our homes and raise our children as proud Jews in the homeland of our ancestors who lived in the very same places where we're going to settle."

The representatives stated that in accordance with Israeli government decisions to rapidly increase the Jewish population on the West Bank, the American immigrants are participating in the planning, design and construction of the new communities. Some of the families are already in Israel, with the bulk slated to immigrate in 1981 as their housing is completed.

The locations are Maale Adumim, six miles east of Jerusalem; Matityahu in the western foothills of Samaria; Efrat, Tekoah and Rosh Tzurim, all in the Etzion Bloc 10 miles south of Jerusalem; and in Kiryat Arba, adjacent to Hebron.

"Our response to President Carter's sellout of Israel is not mere words of protest, but concrete, positive action to strengthen Israel's presence in Judaea and Samaria," stated one of the spokesmen, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, of Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue.

"Judaea and Samaria are rooted in Jewish tradition. Abraham, the first Jew, walked in Hebron," he said. "This is the land where the sacrifice of Isaac his only son was to take place; the land where David, King of Israel, tended his sheep; where the Matriarch Rachel is buried. Jews have constantly lived in Judaea and Samaria and have yearned for Jewish national sovereignty....The settlements were bought with Jewish money; built with Jewish sweat; protected by Jewish blood."

Riskin's group, which has registered 230 families to immigrate to the new town of Efrat, will join 110 families from South Africa and 750 Israeli families in settling together. Israel government plans call for an eventual 5,000 families on the site, not far from Bethlehem.

Another of the leaders, Sarah Craimer, of the American Mizrachi-affiliated group of 85 families headed for Maale Adumim, stated that the new town "will help maintain Jerusalem as a united city with a large Jewish majority — the eternal capital of Israel."

Weizman hints he may quit

JERUSALEM [JCNS] — Israel's defence minister, Ezer Weizman, hinted recently he will quit the government soon. He is reported to have told a Mapam Knesset member: "I would like to wrap up arrangements to launch the Lavie warplane project. Then I shall be going to Washington in May for talks at the Pentagon. After that I shall return and resign."

Weizman said he had no political options and planned to write a book.

The defence minister is reported to have said: "I agree with this government about only one thing: the project to build the Lavie warplane for the Israeli Air Force."

He has been permanently opposed to Prime Minister Begin on matters concerning settlement policy by the Gush Emunim and lately he has opposed resettlement of Jews in Hebron.

He is said to have made three separate comments to MKs implying that he will resign. No one in the Knesset, however, is ready to endorse Weizman's resignation statements. They feel that he is aware that such a step would heavily prejudice the autonomy negotiations at this delicate stage and encourage President Carter to adopt an anti-Israel stand when he meets Begin this month. He is also said to feel at this juncture that he can best influence things from within the government.

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Giscard's PLO stand rejected by members of his own party

PARIS [JTA] —

Several top rank members of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's own political party, Union for French Democracy, are openly disassociating themselves from his pro-Palestinian stand. They include party president Jean Lecanuet, Senator Andre Monteil, and the president of the Radical Party, a junior coalition member, Didier Bariani.

For three solid days, the party's annual congress, held this year in Orleans, was marked by the delegates' dissatisfaction with Giscard's recent statements in Kuwait and Amman calling for Palestinian self-determination.

Privately, party strategists said the President's stand could endanger his re-election next year. Giscard was elected in 1974 with less than a 300,000-vote majority over Socialist Francois Mitterand. France's 700,000 Jews are known for their heavy participation in all major elections.

Monteil told the congress that "no French government should accept (Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir) Arafat's presence in Paris before the PLO charges its charter and decides to recognize Israel." Monteil called for the preservation of the current status of Jerusalem and said "it would be scandalous to have Soviet soldiers guard the holy sepulcher."

The Middle East issue is being widely discussed by all of France's political parties with the exception of the Communists. The Gaullists, who generally support Giscard, have expressed "doubts" with the government's Mideast policy and their leader, Jacques Chirac, last week conferred at length with Israel's Ambassador Meir Rosenne.

The Socialists, currently busy with an internal fight over the party's leadership, have refrained from taking an open official stand. One of their leaders, however, Charles Hernu, mayor of the industrial city of Villeurbaines, refused to meet Giscard on an official visit in the area. The centrist parties, for which most Jews generally vote, are the most troubled by Giscard's policy.

Political circles expect that the Mideast will continue to remain a major issue in the pre-electoral campaign. The presidential elections are scheduled for April 1981 and the actual campaign will first begin next January.

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SEDER FOR WIVES

Israel's first lady, Ofira Navon, hosts a seder for the wives of Israeli diplomats.

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CJC plenary assembly less than a month away

Details of awards, programs and delegates finalized

TORONTO —
With the plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress less than a month away, a number of announcements have been made covering additional speakers, program details and award recipients.

Plenary chairman Mira Koschitzky, in making the announcements for the assembly, May 1-4, at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel, urged that those wishing to be delegates to the assembly contact their local Congress office as soon as possible.

More than 1,000 delegates, representing regions and organizations, are expected at the convention which will deliberate on issues affecting Canadian Jewry, and elect officers.

Among the award announcements made last week is the presentation of the second Isaiah Award to Bishop Eugene P. LaRocque, first chairman of the liaison committee of Congress, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the Conference of Catholic Bishops, formed in 1977.

Inscription on the bishop's award, to be presented May 2 at the government luncheon, will read: "For service to his faith and the world community through brotherhood and peace initiatives; for examplary leadership and dedication to the cause of social justice and human dignity."

The Windsor, Ont., -born clergyman was installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria in Ontario in 1974. The award will be presented by Moe Seidman of Montreal, chairman of the national religious department. Rabbi Allan Langner of Montreal was recipient of the first Isaiah Award in 1979.

It was also announced that an illuminated scroll will be presented to Martha Price, widow of Christopher Eberts, Canadian ambassador to Iraq who in 1970 helped save Jewish lives in the Middle East. The award will be given during the world plenary session on Saturday night, the 3rd.

Announcement of program details for the plenary were made for the Canada-Israel Committee conference, the International Affairs breakfast session, the youth assembly meetings, the Religious Affairs Department conference, and receptions for delegates.

Among the previously announced plenary speakers are Yehuda Blum, Israel ambassador to the UN; William Davis, premier of Ontario; Baron Alain de Rothschild, head of the political body of French Jewry; Theodore Mann, chairman, Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Dr. Solomon Gaon, Haham, World Sephardic Federation; Yeshayahu Anug, Israel ambassador to Canada; Dr. Alvin Schiff, executive vice-president of the New York City Board of Jewish Education; Rabbi Joseph Leibowitz, president, East Bay Board of Rabbis and Malka Shulewitz, coordinator of the Israel Academic Committee on the Middle East.

Mrs. Koschitzky disclosed the Canada-Israel Committee will host a session on Thursday morning, the 1st, entitled "A CIC Primer: The PLO — a masterpiece of Deception." CIC National Chairman Harold Buchwald of Winnipeg will serve as chairman of the session to be conducted by Mark Resnick, CIC acting national director, and Leon Benbaruk, associate national director.

The program is expected to include the screening of a propaganda film with a view to isolating its structural and thematic properties. The analysis will be followed by a discussion of countering strategies during which the organizers of the session anticipate open exchanges of view with specific reference to conditions in various communities and regions across the country.

Youth participation has been recognized as a priority at the assembly by the passing of CJC constitutional amendment which recommends that at least 10% of all voting delegates be young people.

With the assistance of government funding, subsidies were and are being made available to youths (aged 18-30) across the country for leadership training and travel to the plenary. A youth caucus will be held Thursday night at the convention at which major issues will be discussed. On Saturday, there will be a special lecture program addressing national concerns.

Among subjects to be dealt with are: the Falashas, Nazi war criminals, young Jews in Israel, young Jews with special needs, cults, intermarriage and assimilation, combating anti-semitism and anti-Zionism, changing role of men and women and youth and community decision-making.

Toronto-and area residents who can accommodate youth(s) in their homes on Thursday night, at 1st and Saturday, the 3rd, are asked to contact Janet Albin of Congress, 977-3811, ext. 201. Accommodation for Friday night will be taken care of at the hotel.

Israel Singer, executive director, World Jewish Congress, American section, has been announced as the speaker for the International Affairs breakfast conference Friday the 2nd. The New York City-based professional is a former lecturer on political science at American and Israeli institutions.

The religious conference that same morning will have as its keynote speaker Rabbi Michael Wyschogrod, philosophy professor at the New York University. An internationally-known scholar, he represents the Synagogue Council of America in Christian-Jewish dialogue. The topic of his speech will be: "The Future of Christian-Jewish Relations in the 80s."

Mrs. Koschitzky also announced two receptions for delegates prior to the evening sessions on May 1 and 3. Just before the Israel plenary Thursday night, Wilf Posluns, president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, will host a reception. And on Saturday night before the world plenary, Charles Bronfman, CJC associate chairman of the national executive committee, will host another reception.

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Need for social well-being stressed at multiculturalism conference

TORONTO —
The future of Ontario — and Canada — will be determined not just by economic factors but also by its social well-being, the Ontario minister of industry and tourism Larry Grossman said recently.

A provincial official whose business is business, Grossman said that "developing our industrial economy depends in large measure on the success it can have in building a society based on mutual respect . . . for peoples from diverse cultures and traditions."

Grossman addressed the first biannual conference of the Ontario advisory council on multiculturalism at the Chelsea Inn here.

"My grandfather did not attempt to disguise or rid himself of the color of his Yiddish tongue, or the religious symbolism of his beard," he told his audience.

Grossman pointed out that his grandparents, without ever compromising their heritage, raised children, "one of whom distinguished himself by rising to high government office in this province." (Grossman referred to his father, Allan Grossman, who held several key cabinet posts in the Ontario government.)

"Hundreds of thousands of other Canadians similarly rose to participate fully in developing the nation by offering their cultural traditions as a strength and an asset to the country they lived in," he said.

He referred to the 1950s as a threshold decade in which the concept of the "melting pot" was consciously rejected in favor of the "multicultural society."

While praising the institutionalization of multiculturalism, he warned that "bricks and mortar" alone would not preserve and protect multiculturalism. In essence, he stressed, multiculturalism is a "very personal and individual thing."

Those provincial efforts to institutionalize multiculturalism, while at times encouraging a fragmenting "bloc" mentality, nevertheless produced some of the best anti-discrimination legislation in the world, he maintained.

"The irony is that the more socially unacceptable discriminatory behavior becomes, the more indignant we become when instances of overt discrimination occur," he said.

Grossman contended that while acts of bigotry might seem more prevalent, in fact they were not happening more often but were arousing consistently more condemnation throughout the entire community.

He particularly regretted, he said, the problems of the visible minority groups who became identifiable targets for those who were prejudiced.

Calling on the advisory council to use its mandate to inform and appraise all government departments in the broadest sense, Grossman appealed to its members not to be "narrow."

"Don't get trapped into assuming bloc identification," he said. "If your role is to be genuine, and not just cosmetic, you must encourage and develop a one-on-one attitude within society as a whole."

He said that recent anti-Soviet demonstrations usually only brought out people from Eastern Europe who had suffered at the hands of the Soviets. "One-on-one sharing of experiences and concerns would do much to effect public demonstrations with a far wider cross-section of public life."

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TOTAL ASSETS	IL 546,061,856	US$ 15,447,513
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TOTAL DEPOSITS	431,320,880	12,201,612
Other Accounts	4,408,520	124,712
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Let's not get involved in 'dirty tricks' tactics

The election of delegates to the May plenary assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress has been completed. Although in Montreal there were insufficient nominees, in Toronto the results have yet to be tabulated.

This was the broadest democratic delegate election in the history of Congress and it was carried out in open regional communal meetings.

In the Ontario region some members of Congress were disturbed at the manner in which five or six hundred names were placed in nomination, many nominated from the floor. There was the resultant difficulty of knowing enough nominees to vote for in order to fill the 370 available positions.

The evident "political action" of some groupings in submitting lists of candidates and voting en bloc was felt by some to be inappropriate. However, if it was distasteful, that is probably an acceptable price to pay for democracy. Perhaps nominations should have been closed at some date before the meeting. It would have avoided the tedious process of writing down the names of nominees, but it would not have avoided organized en bloc voting.

Ontario region delegate elections have, to our knowledge, never before seen apparent determined attempts by any potential candidate for the presidency of Congress to ensure that his supporters were elected, and there were indications that this was the case at the meeting.

This development, while not unhealthy in itself, may have negative overtones, when viewed in the context of some campaign tactics now being adopted on behalf of aspirants to national office.

It is axiomatic that each candidate should place before delegates his qualifications for the position he seeks. It is equally proper for him to contrast his aims and programs with those of others who are running for the same office.

However, we are starting to hear allegations and counter-allegations that are inconsistent with good taste, the self-respect of the candidates and the well-being of Congress.

"Dirty tricks" or the allegation of dirty tricks where they do not exist, have no place in a campaign for leadership positions in our community.

Suggestions that one candidate is "pro-Zionist" while the other candidate is "anti-Zionist" or "non-Zionist" have no place in an election for national office in Canadian Jewish Congress. Apart from the fact that the allegations are untrue, Zionism — however defined — is a non-issue in these elections.

It is wrong for delegates to be deflected from assessing the real merits of the candidates to deal with the myriad issues facing the Canadian Jewish community by this kind of jiggery-pokery.

It is likely that the candidates themselves have neither indulged in, nor encouraged, these distortions. It is fairly clear, however, that some of their supporters have. As we move closer to the plenary assembly, electioneering will escalate. If the candidates do not, at once, unequivocally declare to their supporters that they will not tolerate this kind of campaigning, if they do not make public statements in that regard and if these unhealthy practices do not stop, dedicated Congress members will become disaffected. An election may be won, but Congress may be lost in the process.

Canadian Jewish Congress is more important than any candidate who offers himself or herself for election. Irreparable damage can be caused to the role of Congress as the representative and spokesman of the entire community by indifference to tactics.

It is hoped that all candidates will show their capacity for sage and sober leadership by making their positions on this clear. It is to be hoped that the enthusiasm of campaigners will not overcome good sense and good taste.

The 'superb gadfly' — — he defeated Johnson

Allard Lowenstein brought down a president. A lone assassin's bullet gunned down Lowenstein in the prime of his life.

Lowenstein, a superb gadfly, liberal par excellence and gallant crusader for many causes, was killed in New York recently by a crazed former associate who had worked with him in the civil rights movement. He was only 51.

Historians and political scientists will remember Lowenstein as the man who engineered the downfall of Lyndon Johnson, the president whose policies in southeast Asia divided the nation. In 1968, when he was a constitutional law professor at City University of New York, Lowenstein canvassed the country in search of a Democratic presidential candidate opposed to the war in Vietnam. He failed to persuade George McGovern or Robert Kennedy to run, but he won over Eugene McCarthy.

Senator McCarthy did not gain the popularity Lowenstein hoped he would. But the anti-war movement his campaign represented had a momentum of its own. Anti-Johnson sentiment grew in the Democratic Party, and the incumbent president shocked the nation one night in March of that year by announcing on television that he would not be a candidate in the election. Lowenstein and McCarthy had, in a sense, triumphed.

A native of Newark, N.J., Lowenstein began his career of social and political activism as a student at the University of North Carolina, where he was active in the nascent civil movement. As a young lawyer, he worked for Adlai Stevenson and championed independence for Southwest Africa, or Namibia, at a time when few Americans had ever heard of that former German colony within the land mass of South Africa.

In the same year as Lyndon Johnson disclosed his intention to step down, Lowenstein was elected to Congress representing Long Island's Fifth District. Two years later, however, he was defeated after many liberal and Jewish voters were redistributed on to other voting rolls.

Lowenstein, in his final attempt at becoming a Congressman, ran for the seat vacated by Edward Koch who had won the mayoralty of New York City. But again he was defeated. Among the items stressed in his campaign literature was that he had been number seven on President Richard Nixon's notorious "enemies list."

For one year, at the invitation of President Jimmy Carter, Lowenstein served as a United States representative at the UN. He left government in 1978 to return to his private law practice.

In the current presidential race, Lowenstein worked on behalf of Senator Edward Kennedy, and he confided to friends that he was considering another run at Congress. But time was against him. Dennis Sweeny, a friend with whom he had broken, walked into Lowenstein's Rockefeller Centre law office and shot him.

Lowenstein died the following day without regaining consciousness. Appropriately, his funeral at New York's Central Synagogue was attended by America's leading politicians and social activists. Andrew Young, the onetime U.S. ambassador at the UN who had known him in his civil rights days, put it best in eulogizing Lowenstein: "Al exemplified what the prophets of the Old Testament might have done if they had lived in our time."

He keeps a promise

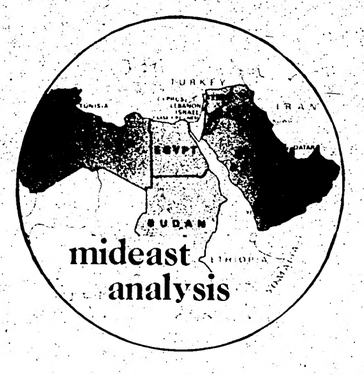
Solicitor-General Bob Kaplan, Canada's "top cop" is acting promptly on his election promise to do something about the war criminals said to be living in our country.

Kaplan will go to Washington this weekend to confer with Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal to study Wiesenthal's evidence about the war criminals here. It may seem somewhat strange that a Canadian cabinet minister has to go to Washington to meet Wiesenthal but it is reported that Wiesenthal is so disgusted with the Canadian government's past attitude in this matter that he refuses to come here.

Kaplan has told The CJN that in addition to reviewing the evidence he will also take a new look at existing legislation for the prosecution of war criminals. There is some doubt whether it is effective, mainly because the War Crimes Act provides only for a trial before a military court, and at this stage of the game it is rather doubtful if a military trial would be appropriate.

We commend Kaplan for acting so promptly. Now if Herb Gray will get to work on Arab boycott legislation . . .

Following signing of peace treaty, U.S. sells Egypt arsenal of weapons



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In a major decision, the United States has announced that Egypt is free to buy whatever American military equipment it requires to upgrade its armed forces. It had been known that the U.S. was prepared to supply the Egyptians with modern weaponry. But it was not until February of this year that the full magnitude of Washington's intentions became unequivocably clear.

Following the conclusion of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty last year, the U.S. agreed to grant Egypt $800 million a year in credits for the next five years for the modernizing of its armed forces.

No one, however, quite knew the extent to which the Americans were willing to sell the Egyptians the most modern planes and tanks in its armory. In the wake of a State Department communique on Feb. 25, the answer is apparent.

The Carter administration, which engineered the historic peace treaty, will allow Egypt to purchase F-15 and F-16 jets, M60A3 tanks "and a variety of other equipment." Anticipating the good news, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, Egypt's defence minister, told correspondents in Cairo a few days earlier the proposed sales "will place Egypt for the first time on an equal footing with Israel as far as arms are concerned."

This, in essence, is the long-range significance of the American decision. Ironically, it is the result of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. On a deeper level, it is the product of Henry Kissinger's diplomacy when he was U.S. secretary of state.

It will be recalled that Kissinger, in the waning days of the Yom Kippur War, prevented the Israelis from destroying the besieged Egyptian Third Army in the Sinai. He did so because he did not want Israel to win an overwhelming victory on the battlefield. An undisputed Israeli triumph would have embittered the Egyptians and thus foreclosed the possibility of an accord between Cairo and Jerusalem.

Kissinger realized that Egypt's president, Anwar Sadat, sought to end his country's military involvement in the Arab-Israeli dispute. But in order to disengage himself from it, he needed what he could pass off as an Egyptian win in the war. By preventing Israel from dealing with the trapped Third Army, Kissinger influenced the outcome of the three-week struggle on the Sinai front.

Having "avenged" Egypt's humiliation in the Six Day War, Sadat was ready to negotiate with the Israelis and, concomitantly, to forge close links with the Americans.

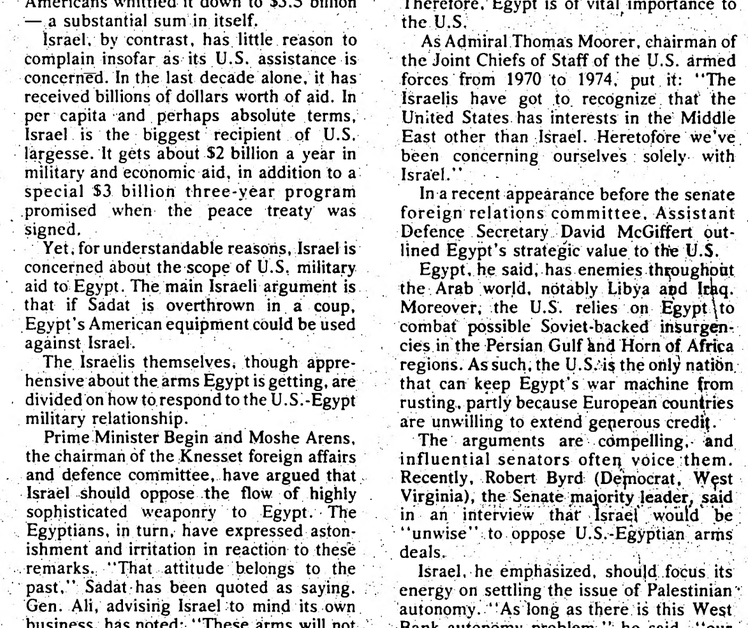
A year later, Egypt and the U.S. re-established diplomatic relations and Egyptian and American officials started talks on arms acquisitions. With his pro-Western policy, Sadat hoped to ease Egypt from its almost utter dependence on Soviet military equipment. The Americans were sympathetic. They offered Egypt military cargo planes. Israel and its powerful lobby in Washington raised objections, but the sale went through. That paved the way for further sales.

In 1978, on the eve of the peace treaty, President Jimmy Carter consolidated U.S. military ties with Egypt by announcing that he intended to provide Cairo with 50 F5E fighters as part of a $2.6 billion package that also included combat planes for Israel and Saudi Arabia. Israel and its friends on Capitol Hill fought the proposal, but to no avail.

Saudi Arabia was originally going to pay for the F5Es, which were considered to be slightly inferior planes. But after Egypt and Israel signed their peace treaty, the Saudis reneged. For the Egyptians, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Euphoric about the treaty, the Americans told the Egyptians they could buy F-4 Phantoms as well. As of a few years ago, the Phantom was the best the Americans possessed. Israel has a couple of hundred of them in its air force.

In the intervening months, Washington sold 35 Phantoms to the Egyptians, trained some of their pilots, delivered 50 MA-113 armored personnel carriers and pledged to supply them with Hawk ground-to-air missiles, TOW anti-tank missiles and M-60 tanks.

Last August, the Egyptians, at the invitation of the Pentagon, submitted a memorandum on arms they hoped to acquire over the following five years. They requested $10 billion worth, but the Americans whittled it down to $3.5 billion — a substantial sum in itself.



Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and his Egyptian counterpart, Kamal Hassan Ali, have visited Washington in recent months to bolster the effectiveness of their respective country's armed forces. Weizman believes an upgrading of Egypt's army and air force is not necessarily detrimental to Israel's long range interests.

Israel, by contrast, has little reason to complain insofar as its U.S. assistance is concerned. In the last decade alone, it has received billions of dollars worth of aid. In per capita and perhaps absolute terms, Israel is the biggest recipient of U.S. largesse. It gets about $2 billion a year in military and economic aid, in addition to a special $3 billion three-year program promised when the peace treaty was signed.

Yet, for understandable reasons, Israel is concerned about the scope of U.S. military aid to Egypt. The main Israeli argument is that if Sadat is overthrown in a coup, Egypt's American equipment could be used against Israel.

The Israelis themselves, though apprehensive about the arms Egypt is getting, are divided on how to respond to the U.S.-Egypt military relationship.

Prime Minister Begin and Moshe Arens, the chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, have argued that Israel should oppose the flow of highly sophisticated weaponry to Egypt. The Egyptians, in turn, have expressed astonishment and irritation in reaction to these remarks. "That attitude belongs to the past," Sadat has been quoted as saying. Gen. Ali, advising Israel to mind its own business, has noted: "These arms will not be used against Israel."

Ezer Weizman, Israel's defence minister, agrees with Sadat and Ali. He feels that a general modernization of the Egyptian armed forces, within limits, is in Israel's ultimate interest because it will increase Egypt's dependence on America and thus make it more malleable from a foreign policy point of view.

In an interview with The New York Times last September, Weizman spoke repeatedly of Egypt as a new ally of Israel and the U.S., and even seemed to support Cairo's bid for a big increase in arms aid. "I'm confident the new relationship with Egypt will bring a totally new era," he commented. "Are we one of the new links in the wall the West is building or not?"

Whether he knew it or not, Weizman had articulated the U.S. rationale for supplying such a vast quantity of arms to Egypt.

After the collapse of the Iranian monarchy in 1979, and particularly since the Russian intervention in Afghanistan, the U.S. has attempted to build a pro-Western alliance, or entente, in the Middle East. Egypt is one of the pillars of that alignment. Therefore, Egypt is of vital importance to the U.S.

As Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. armed forces from 1970 to 1974, put it: "The Israelis have got to recognize that the United States has interests in the Middle East other than Israel. Heretofore we've been concerning ourselves solely with Israel."

In a recent appearance before the senate foreign relations committee, Assistant Defence Secretary David McGiffert outlined Egypt's strategic value to the U.S.

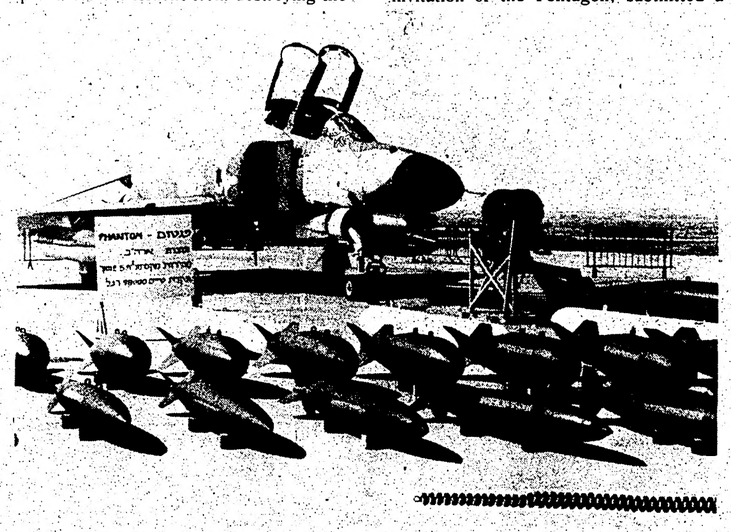
Egypt, he said, has enemies throughout the Arab world, notably Libya and Iraq. Moreover, the U.S. relies on Egypt to combat possible Soviet-backed insurgencies in the Persian Gulf and Horn of Africa regions. As such, the U.S. is the only nation that can keep Egypt's war machine from rusting, partly because European countries are unwilling to extend generous credit.

The arguments are compelling, and influential senators often voice them. Recently, Robert Byrd (Democrat, West Virginia), the Senate majority leader, said in an interview that Israel would be "unwise" to oppose U.S.-Egyptian arms deals.

Israel, he emphasized, should focus its energy on settling the issue of Palestinian autonomy. "As long as there is this West Bank autonomy problem," he said, "our ability to co-operate with Arab countries in meeting the common danger of Soviet expansionism is hampered."

Nevertheless, the Israelis are edgy. Writing in The Jerusalem Post, Moshe Sharon, a Hebrew University lecturer in Islamic history, observed: "To speak frankly, with such a formidable modern army, who could promise either Israel or the U.S. that the Egyptian regime, say in four to five years, if not earlier, will not decide to use the first major crisis with Israel over the final status of Jews, Samaria and Gaza, to back out of the whole business?

"As for peace, what need has Egypt for $3.5 billion worth of new American equipment? The explanation that it is meant to strengthen Egypt against Libya is an insult to one's intelligence. There is no question that if this equipment is going to be used, it will not be used against the Russians, nor against their proxies or allies, nor against the Libyans — but against Israel."



U.S.-built F-4 Phantom jets such as this one have been sold to Egypt. The U.S. has also agreed to supply the Egyptians with some of its newer, faster planes, as well as tanks, armored personnel carriers and other military equipment.

A transit camp on the road to death

By VIVIEN SHARON

Rena Rosenberger is an exuberant lady of 77, with a thick sweep of white hair and penetratingly blue eyes. From the moment one enters her immaculate and tastefully decorated north Toronto apartment, it is clear she possesses something special, perhaps even regal. It is evident in her eloquent speech — which she switches from English to French, Dutch and then German to illustrate her point — in her polished manner and overpowering presence.

But, beneath this facade lurks a story that must be told. A story that occurred close to 40 years ago, in which she describes her nightmarish 16 months at Theresienstadt, a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia between 1944 and 1945.

Mrs. Rosenberger, who was 40 at the time, tells of her captivity in a concentration camp at Westerbork (Holland) and then her deportation together with her 18-year-old daughter, Margo, to Theresienstadt. Her oldest daughter, Ruth, was hidden in Holland, and her husband, Sigfrid, was safe in Switzerland.

In a detailed document by Rena Rosenberger, which she wrote in German immediately following liberation, she describes in vivid detail how they languished until the end of World War II. Twenty years later, when, she says, "my English was good enough," Mrs. Rosenberger translated the text into English.

Copies of the document are now located at the Theresienstadt Martyrs Remembrance Association at Kibbutz Givat-Haim-Ihud, Israel, and at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue museum in Toronto.

In her account she paints a startling picture of the squalor, the people, the food, the work, the daily routine, and, in particular, the farcical makeshift town the Nazis built.

"It will remain the greatest blot on the history of that country that the Nazis played a terrible farce with the 'model Jewish settlement' in Theresienstadt to detract world attention from the bestialities they were committing," said Mrs. Rosenberger, who is a grandmother of four and great-grandmother of three.

Terezin, perhaps better known by its German name of Theresienstadt, was a garrison town built in 1780 at the junction of the rivers Ohre and Elbe, north of Prague. Until 1942, its population was 4,000 civilians and 3,500 soldiers.

In February 1942, Terezin was emptied by the SS of all its normal inhabitants. The fortress, previously a prison for political offenders, became a ghetto for elderly and privileged people of Jewish descent.

It was originally intended that the ghetto be a showplace of the kindly treatment meted out to the Jews — a Theresienbad — a Spa Terezin — a "ghetto paradise" for Jewish self-government.

But the gas chambers were ready, and the "final solution" agreed upon. As the transports came in, 200,000 people passed through the ghetto, most destined for Auschwitz. Terezin became a transit camp on the road to death.

Recalling her experiences, Mrs. Rosenberger, who was born to wealthy Orthodox parents in Frankfurt-Am-Main, said:

"Overcrowding was intense, sanitation was indescribable. There was often no water or soap. The scanty bread ration was frequently not available. In winter, there was no heating. One in four died of hunger, dysentery or typhus," added Mrs. Rosenberger, who has been widowed since 1949.

Yet, stragely enough, Terezin was the only concentration camp where Jewish rites were observed. "I remember our seder: a piece of rotten potato for a shank bone and greens for bitter herbs. We even had matzoh that was prepared in the military bakery. Naturally, instead of wine, we had bitter coffee."

Rena Rosenberger, who insists on keeping the memory alive, brought back many mementos from Terezin: an original illustrated seder plate taken from a haggadah from the Terezin library; her yellow star marked "Jood" (Jew in Dutch), and numerous original papers including innoculation certificates, food vouchers, bank ledgers from The Bank of Jewish-Autonomy, and ghettokronen (the money printed and only valid in the ghetto).

Of all the crimes commited during the Nazi period, the fate of the Jewish children was the most hideous. About 150,000 children passed through the gates of Terezin — only 100 survived.

All that is left of this heroic struggle are a few pieces of paper, covered with words and drawings by children published by the Jewish Museum in Prague.

This is the testimony they have left behind — not as a work of art — not as an expression of talent — but as a message from beyond the grave.

Rena Rosenberger

Opinion

Canadian Jewish Congress executive vice-president says:

"It is time to evolve a strategy for Canadian Jewish life in the 1980s"

This is one of a series about Canadian Jewish Congress and its 19th plenary assembly, May 1-4, at the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton Hotel.

In this article, Congress executive vice-president Alan Rose states "it is time to evolve a strategy for Canadian Jewish life in the 1980s... given the aroused condition of the Jewish community in Canada, the realities of political experience in which we have had our successes and failures, and looking ahead to a decade whose only certainty is an atmosphere of uncertainty."

Rose looks also at the question of whether the organized Jewish community can continue to be absent "from the great human rights issues" within Canada.

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By ALAN ROSE

Alan Rose

Canadian Jewry has had a long history of addressing the federal government. Prior to the establishment of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the first contacts were established by individuals or synagogues on issues which encompassed the basics of the age, that is, the concerns of a largely immigrant community.

Following World War I, two constituencies developed (often with overlapping leadership), the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Zionist family (represented in those days by the Zionist Organization of Canada), reflecting the traditionally strong Zionist commitment of the community.

It was in the 30s, against the threatening clouds of Hitlerism and renascent anti-semitism, that Congress, under the leadership of Samuel Bronfman, surrounded with strong laymen, complemented by the professional expertise of Saul Hayes, commenced a vital chapter dealing with life and death issues for the entire Jewish people — the refugee problem, discrimination, the internment of Jewish "enemy aliens" who were sent to this country by the British government, war orphans, relief for those who had survived the concentration camps, restitution for the victims of Nazi oppression, and a host of problems arising out of the tragedy in Europe.

CJC played a significant role at the San Francisco Conference and the Paris Peace Conference of 1947. In the postwar constellation of world Jewry, our community became a powerful voice in dealing with the Canadian government, which in the immediate postwar era had significant influence at the United Nations. Approaches to the Canadian government in the pre-state years were critical in obtaining UN and Canadian recognition of Israel.

It is fortuitous that the community was able to produce a leadership equal to the task bearing on these critical issues of Jewish existence. It should be recalled that, in 1945, Canadian Jewry was to a considerable extent an immigrant community, less educated and worldly than the vastly changed and sophisticated constituency of today. This development marked the emergence of Canadian Jewry as a factor on the international Jewish scene, just as Canada had become a force in world affairs. The partnership of the ZOC (now the Canadian Zionist Federation) and the CJC, forming the Joint Public Relations Committee (now the Canada-Israel Committee), dealt with the St. Laurent, Pearson, Diefenbaker and Trudeau governments on the Mideast crises of 1945-48, 1956, 1957 and 1973.

A key role in the successful advocacy of the Jewish community's concern for Israel and the mobilization of public opinion for the new state was due to the late Saul Hayes, whose urbane professional presence on Parliament Hill is treasured by the cognoscenti to this day.

Hayes comprehended the Canadian ethos and mechanics of government so precisely that his activity amongst parliamentarians, senior civil servants and those who make up the Ottawa establishment, set standards to which all Jewish professionals aspire. His contribution earned acceptance of Canadian Jewry's coming of age in respect to the Canadian polity in general.

MULTICULTURALISM

The advancement of the Jewish causes in the late 60s and 70s was facilitated by the evolution of a much more open Canadian society with the emergence of multiculturalism and bilingualism as policies embraced by all the federal parties. CJC successfully led the campaign against the terms of reference of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism resulting in official recognition of the so-called "third force" of those citizens whose origins were neither French nor English.

The 70s witnessed an increased professionalism in the community's advocacy for Israel through the creation of the Canada-Israel Committee (sponsored by the CZF, Congress and B'nai B'rith), in order that we speak with authority and clarity. A sophisticated lay and professional leadership, coupled with an adequate budget, joined to a permanent presence in Ottawa, opened new vistas for Canada-Israel bilateral relations, Canadian policy in the Mideast, the media and opinion makers throughout the country.

The 60s and 70s also witnessed the intractable and unresolved problems of Soviet Jewry; the rescue of Iraqi Jews (in which Canada played a critical role); the plight of Syrian Jewry; the struggle for the release of detained Jews in Argentina; the campaign for the abolition of the Statute of Limitations in the Federal Republic of Germany; the rise of orchestrated anti-semitism in the guise of anti-Zionism, and the presence of suspected war criminals living in Canada. **We still await legislation on foreign boycotts against Canadian firms and individuals.**

The Canadian Jewish community also pressed the government on a number of important considerations which, whilst not solely of Jewish interest, were recognized as buttressing the human rights of all Canadians. These included amendments to the Criminal Code on incitement to race hatred, the establishment of the Federal Human Rights Commission, support for international human rights causes, the expansion of the multicultural program, and a host of less obviously important matters, but worrisome to important segments of the community. These included bilingual labeling, imports of cheese for Passover, the import of spurious "kosher" products, etc.

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

There is now a sufficient corpus of existence in dealing with the federal government which should guide us for the future. Our basic approach must rest squarely on the premise that the expression of concerns as Jewish citizens is a quintessential right vested in any democratic society. It is fortuitous that Canada is a particularly open democracy. Our European colleagues are amazed how accessible are Canadian cabinet ministers, public servants — and indeed, the entire establishment.

Thus, we commence with a substantive advantage. In such a society one need not fear the "exhausting our credit" theory unless we engage in imprudent acts or statements. The advancement of the rights of any community in Canada and the redressing of grievances is the litmus test of a viable and free society. It is not our "credit" which is in contention, but our credibility. Well articulated and responsible representations are invariably considered sympathetically by politicians and senior public servants.

It is for precisely this reason that we should understand the restraints which govern the democratic process. In Canada, as in all advanced Western democrcies, the pursuit of policy objectives and the success of our endeavors is governed by the inexorable reality of the possible. Indeed, the art of the possible is the very nexus of our approach. It is central to our strategy.

We run grave risks of undermining our position by rhetoric on community platforms or intemperate statements. These do not equip us with the tools for effective intervention in Ottawa. Such actions make the community less credible and those who represent it are at a disadvantage in advancing our aspirations and introducing change. All can sympathize with a community, which feels beleaguered and on occasions, emotionally distraught, that vents such feelings; yet one can wonder if we are at times more interested in rhetoric than effective action.

INSTANT SOLUTIONS UNDESIRABLE

There has been an unrelenting pressure in the Jewish community to achieve instant "results." Our experience demonstrates the need to adopt an evolutionary philosophy and not seek such solutions. **Seldom do optimum demands meet with optimum results.** Rarely do we witness a "coup de foudre." In the long run one must recognize the limitations of reality and set these in apposition to our objectives. There lies the road to results.

Until the mid 60s, the Jewish community was an engine of social change. Events following the Six Day War brought about, for entirely understandable reasons, an overwhelming emphasis on our own problems. One of the nettles to be grasped at the forthcoming CJC plenary is the dilemma: **can the organized Jewish community continue to be absent from the great human rights issues within Canada?**

Surely there is an injunction in Jewish law and tradition to be seized with the human rights of all. For how long can we ask our fellow citizens to be moved by our concerns if we are not involved in the betterment of our own society?

It is axiomatic that the Jewish psyche supports two meritorious burdens — one which is particular to ourselves, the other which is pertinent to the advancement of the human condition.

The support of young Jews for the "boat people" has a significance which should not be lost on our leadership. A determination to enter the field of social action would have a positive influence on the image of the community in Ottawa. Another issue constantly debated is, whether public demonstrations or "quiet diplomacy" are the more effective.

Experience shows that strategy for achieving results must be arrived at in pragmatic terms. The two approaches are not mutually exclusive. We now know that the massive demonstration in Ottawa, where 10,000 Jews assembled during Kosygin's visit, had a profound influence on the Soviet authorities and led to increased emigration from the USSR. The demonstration was accompanied by intensive effort behind the scenes to alert the Canadian government and key sectors of public opinion.

The twin-prong strategy was usefully employed in the abolition of the Statute of Limitations. Congress mounted a substantial public relations campaign across Canada. We were also able to persuade the Canadian government to raise the issue with the Federal Republic of Germany (a delicate matter in diplomatic terms) because (a) public opinion was supportive of our efforts and (b) we were able to Canadianize the issue, as thousands of survivors of the Nazi Holocaust are now Canadian citizens. Canada was the only Western country, other than Israel, to make such a demand on Bonn.

PUBLIC OPINION, PUBLIC POLICY

Public policy in Canada is determined by a subtle equation of self-interest, the realities of political life within our complex mosaic, in concert with the interplay of federal/provincial forces. Regional and ethnic considerations have greater influence on our foreign policy than in Europe or the United States. Canadian policy is characterized by a strong moral component which is woven into the fabric of our policy. This must be seen in parallax to the responsive nature of Canadian public opinion.

It is doubtful whether the entire Jewish community understands that it is extremely difficult for government to pursue policies which do not enjoy public support. Thus, it is easier to obtain support for the Soviet Jewry campaign than, for instance, moving the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem.

Emigration from the USSR gains sympathy because of the Holocaust (which has a lingering influence) and the perception that the Soviet Union pursues anti-semitic policies. This appreciation is strengthened by the generally accepted view that the Soviet Union is an oppressive dictatorship whose expansionism and credo are inimical to Canadian interests and generally accepted norms of civilized conduct.

The embassy issue was one that did not generate public support and whose injection into the election campaign brought hostility and indifference because public opinion was basically not seized with the issue as one critically significant to Canada. Rightly or wrongly, it was seen by the public as an election stratagem. It is fruitless to go into the antecedents of Mr. Clark's well-intentioned commitment. Suffice to note, and this should not be ignored, the unhappy outcome. Arab pressure was successful in making the Clark government reverse itself.

The government decided to appoint the Stanfield mission, thus bowing to Arab pressure. During his travels in the Middle East, Stanfield met with a representative of the PLO — hardly reassuring for those who are convinced that the so-called PLO is an organization dedicated to the destruction of Israel. The appearance of Stanfield's second report contains recommendations which can only cause dismay to the Jewish community.

The lesson to be learned is that we must resist impulses which, seemingly favorable, in the end lend themselves to negative results and do not improve the bilateral relations between the two countries, let alone our long-term goals. This danger stems from the "now" syndrome.

Those who do not have a long view of history, tending to believe complex issues may be solved by simple solutions, hopefully now comprehend that it is constant, informed advocacy on the political level, together with the essential concomitant of the nurturing of a favorable public opinion, which is the tested recipe for success. **Public concern in tandem with reasoned diplomacy is invariably more effective than shooting from the hip on single issues.**

MAINTAINING CREDIBILITY

No objective may be achieved unless those who advance it are themselves credible. It is hardly a secret that in Ottawa there are advocates who are taken seriously, and those regarded otherwise. It would be fatal if Canadian Jewry should fall into the latter category.

A serious weakening of our reputation would be brought about by our identification with a particular party. We are a community which is intensely involved, and passionately advocates its causes. Our traditional policy is that Jews should participate in all political parties, but be captive to none. The unfortunate aspect of the embassy issue is that it injected our community in a partisan manner into a federal general election. The results did not enhance our prestige or interests.

Recent events make it imperative that we assess our long-term objective. This community wil continue to dwell in Canada. It is therefore essential to order our priorities in terms of addressing the federal government. What is required is an overall strategy, which has been singularly lacking in spite of the urging of this writer that our leadership should examine this unaddressed, but crucial item of our agenda.

The evolution of strategy in dealing with the federal government by non-governmental organizations has been long and continuous, but has yet to command the attention of the Jewish leadership.

There are crucial items on our domestic agenda — the status of Jews in Quebec, the rise of anti-semitism, multiculturalism, immigration, the preservation of our identity in the Canada of tomorrow, married to these imperatives is our abiding dedication to Israel, its security and the advancement of Canada-Israel relations. The plight of Soviet Jewry, Syrian Jewry and other threatened communities remain a constant claim on our collective conscience.

Given the aroused condition of the Jewish community in Canada, the realities of political experience in which we have had our successes and failures, and looking ahead to a decade whose only certainty is an atmosphere of uncertainty, surely it is time to evolve a strategy for Canadian Jewry in the 1980s.

PRO & CON

The Canadian Jewish News inaugurates a new column in this edition, "Pro and Con." Pro and Con, as the name suggests, will feature arguments from both sides of the fence on any given question affecting Israel and the Arabs, written by leading commentators in the Middle East, Europe, the U.S. and Canada. The column will run periodically.

This first column revolves around the Camp David accords, U.S. policy in the region and the current autonomy talks on the Palestinians. A Washington Post editorial takes the view that Israel is not acting entirely in good faith in the talks. Alan Dowty, a professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame University, claims the Carter administration is undermining the Camp David process. His article appeared in Middle East Focus, published in Toronto by the Canadian Academic Foundation for Peace in the Middle East.

Research for Pro and Con is by Sheldon Kirshner.

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Egypt's Anwar Sadat, America's Jimmy Carter and Israel's Menachem Begin following the historic signing of the Camp David peace agreement last year.

Own enemy

By ALAN DOWTY

The sad fact is that U.S. policy has been its own worst enemy. To judge from its actions, the Carter administration lacks confidence in the entire Camp David peace process and the demonstration of its disbelief only serves to undermine that process, thus fulfilling its own dismal prophesies.

The Camp David framework was a greater achievement for American diplomacy than its creators seem to realize. It brought together the two major belligerents and one of the two patrons in a peace process whose appeal to moderate Arabs, whatever they say publicly at the moment, should not be underestimated. It has kept the Soviet Union in frustrated isolation, put radical Arab states on the defensive, and cast the fear of God into the PLO by posing the threat of elected leaders with real claims to represent the Palestinians. And it has, of course, produced the first peace treaty in the history of the conflict.

Unfortunately, Washington policy makers seem intimidated by the chorus of predictable PLO-inspired protest. Unnerved by the sight of Egypt practically isolated in the Arab world, they overlook the strength of Sadat's position. Egypt comprises nearly half the Arab world in numbers, and is the centre of Arab gravity geographically and culturally. With the support of Sudan (the second Arab state in population) it is immune from external Arab threat, and despite well publicized "sanctions" is not being hurt by economic measures. Alone among Arab states, it has achieved total Israeli withdrawal from its territory. Given the present disarray among his rivals, who, Sadat might ask, is really isolated?

Why, then, the American second thoughts about achievements that would have been considered impossibly utopian only a decade ago? Aside from simple loss of nerve, there is a predisposition in Washington to accept claims that "basic issues are being avoided" and that "the PLO cannot be left out."

The result has been a series of signals encouraging moderate Arabs (including Palestinians) to keep their distance from the Egypt-Israel talks, since it appeared that even the U.S. saw the framework as inadequate. The administration introduced issues into the peace treaty negotiations that Egypt had not raised. More recently, it proposed that the Jerusalem issue be considered at once, and the East Jerusalem Arabs be included in the autonomy scheme.

Administration officials then stated for publication that unless progress were made on Palestinian autonomy within 10 weeks, there would be more pressure on oil supplies — thus practically inviting such pressure. And finally, there is the current flirtation with the PLO with which Andrew Young's much-publicized meeting was in perfect harmony.

Perhaps it is unrealistic to expect the U.S. to use its influence effectively on behalf of the Camp David framework — even if it is hard to understand why we should be more frightened of the Saudis than President Sadat apparently is. Nevertheless, a real process of peace is underway and has achieved a measure of success despite being continuously undercut by evidence of American ambivalence. The Carter administration should put its heart and soul into this, the only real game in town. Failing that, it should at least get out of the way.

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Produce a crisis

[From Washington Post]

Jimmy Carter could not have let the May 26 goal-date for Palestinian autonomy come and go without redoubling his efforts to reach that goal. Especially with the Europeans now threatening an end run, detachment would have advertised a degree of lassitude at odds with both the requirements of American diplomacy and his own political needs. This is the basis of his sudden invitations to Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat for separate summits in Washington. The meetings force the hard question of what President Carter can do to expedite the pace of, or simply to salvage, negotiations that now look to be broken down.

There is a whole debate, more tentative in the United States and more full-blown in Europe, on the question. Is it most useful to proceed painfully step by step along the Camp David path pointing toward Palestinian "autonomy" for five years and an agreed "final status" afterward? Or is it best to accept that autonomy is a loser, to move toward the alternative goal of Palestinian self-determination and to force a confrontation with Israel, destroying Camp David and thus creating the rubble on which a new policy can be built?

Most Arabs, Arabists and, increasingly, Europeans are in the second school. Jimmy Carter, not without occasionally evident misgivings, is in the first. He wants to make Camp David work.

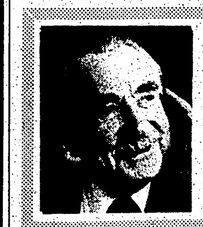
In this he is entirely right. To abandon his chosen policy now in frustration would make the United States look like France or Britain, countries whose Mideast views flow from an Arab oil tap. No American president has the luxury of such irresponsibility. Mr. Carter must do what he can to nudge the parties closer to agreement, by May 26 and after May 26. He should also clarify to Mr. Begin the American view that Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank are an obstacle to peace. One excellent method of clarification, as we have suggested, is to reduce Israel's aid: security yes, settlements no.

Some people suggest Mr. Carter should lay off and wait for a Labor government to come to power, but that is unbecoming and uncertain and is a reward of sorts to Israeli hard-liners.

Egypt and Israel have obligations of their own. Egypt must accept, as in truth it seems ready to on most days, the consequences of its Camp David agreement to submit the Palestinian issue to a negotiation with Israel. That the negotiation goes poorly and that some of the political results are nasty does not justify sulking or quitting.

Mr. Begin apparently feels that his readiness to put the American U.N. vote behind him, and to receive renewed presidential assurances of fidelity to Israel, is his appropriate summit contribution and that, May 26 or no, he should not be expected to negotiate on autonomy at this time. This represents a breathtaking misreading of the American temper. If sustained, it can only produce a crisis.

Differences are mounting



By J. B. SALSBERG
[First of a series]

It was, of course, unrealistic to expect that the Jewish communities around the world would always see eye to eye with Israel's official policies as they affect the building of the Jewish state or its role in the international arena. Nevertheless there were not a few among us who couldn't conceive of serious differences between the two parts now or ever. But differences there are and those differences are mounting now.

The elementary facts of life teach us that there are social, religious and political differences among us, as there are among other people, that are bound to cause differentiations in Israel and in other Jewish communities.

Another consideration of importance is the fact that Israel, as a state, has state interests that may, from time to time, conflict with the special interests of one or another Jewish community in the Diaspora. In such instances, the need and the freedom to disagree and to question the other's position is understandable and should be accepted as a fact of life.

Until the Yom Kippur war (1973) such divergence of interests and viewpoints were of a limited character. But things changed rapidly and radically since that time. For very definite and recognizable reasons the international stage has become a fierce and mounting political battleground. Oil, trade and the renewed cold war between the two major world powers has turned the Middle East into a major confrontation area.

In this storm of events many powers began to consider Israel a hindrance to their overriding objectives. To some of those powers Israel is expendable Consequently Israel's isolation is becoming painfully apparent.

Let's face it, any Israeli government would now find itself in great difficulty, because there are certain minimum security requirements that no Israeli government could fail to fight for. But the Begin government finds itself in special difficulties in the face of the profoundly revolutionary changes that the international storm is creating globally and especially in the Middle East.

The Begin coalition government seems incapable, despite Mr. Begin's own limited retreats, to divorce itself from certain ingrained dogmas, traditional concepts and certain group pressures that bar the way to an updating of old policies.

In such circumstances it is not surprising that there should be mounting disquiet and a growing, articulate opposition within Israel to some key policies of the Begin government. Nor is it surprising that in the Diaspora, and especially in North America, vocal opposition to some of Begin's central policies, especially those relating to the issues of settlements in the West Bank. (Let's also face the fact that American Jews are not quite immune to the influence of the White House . . .)

But while opposition to the government is a simple and accepted development inside of Israel, it is not so simple and not so readily acceptable when the opposition comes from Diaspora Jewish communities.

Inside Israel the citizens of the Jewish state merely exercise their democratic rights when they criticize their government's policies or when they band together to protest publicly against such policies. But have American or Canadian Jews the same right? The answer to this question is not as simple and not as obvious as some may think. Let's consider some fundamental propositions.

As I see it there are certain basic propositions that we must always bear in mind:

First, while almost all Jews are dedicated to the building and safeguarding of Israel, only the Israelis, only those who live and work in Israel, only those whose children face the awesome task of defending the country at the risk of their lives — only they have the moral and political right and duty to determine the defence policy of their state.

Second, the rest of us who live outside of Israel have neither the moral nor the political right to determine what should be the minimum geographic or arms requirement for the protection of the Jewish state. But we, nevertheless, have the right and the duty to express our opinions and our beliefs as to what, in our opinion, may offer the best security and the best guarantee for the continuity of a democratic Jewish state at peace with its Arab neighbors. But, once again, the right to **decide is theirs, the Israelis, and theirs alone.**

Having said that, I have but opened the doors to the discussion of what is quickly becoming the most crucial question in the Jewish world. It is a difficult and challenging question that we must face responsibly and honestly.

[More next week]

Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

Out of the Depths is the theme of the community observance sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress this Sunday afternoon, the 13th, to mark the 37th anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising. Guest speakers include Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and Zvi Ferens. That's at 2.30 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

That same evening at 8, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, affiliated with the Toronto Zionist Council, observes the anniversary with a community gathering at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, based on the theme **"Response and Responsibility of Post-Holocaust Generation to the Legacy of the Holocaust.** Among the participants are York University professor Howard Adelman, Israel Consul General David Ariel, Beth Tikvah Rabbi Herbert Feder anbd the synagogue choir.

Also on Sunday, the 13th, at 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue's commemoration features a Holocaust musical cantata by Saul Chapman, a recitation of poems by children in the concentration camps as well as presentations by Rabbi David Monson and Cantor David Bagley.

Adath Israel Congregation is holding a Holocaust Remembrance service on Saturday, the 12th at 8.30 p.m., during which a Holocaust survivor will narrate his personal experiences. The film, **Avenue of the Just**, will be shown after the service.

Then on Monday, the 14th, at 8.15 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, guest speaker Allan Gould will discuss **Viewing the Holocaust Today — Confrontation or Denial?**

GASNER MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue this Sunday, the 13th, at 8 p.m., presents Yeshiva College biology professor Rabbi Moses Tendler, a scientist of international repute in cancer research who successfully combines careers as rabbi, bacteriologist and teacher. His topic — **The Scientific Basis of Halachic Decisions.** This lecture is sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim, Canadian Jewish Congress and Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi.

FJWO CONFERENCE

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations ushers in spring 1980 with its annual Conference of Women on Thursday, the 17th. This year's focus is on **Whatever Happened to Togetherness?** with keynote speaker Dr. Vivian Rakoff, head of the department of psychiatry, Sunnybrook Medical Centre. Program also includes a presentation of socio-dramas depicting alternate lifestyles and their cause and effect on Jewish families. It all takes place from 9.15 a.m. to noon at Earl Bales Community Centre, 4169 Bathurst St. The FJWO number is 977-3811 local 277.

ART AUCTION

Exclusive Canadian and international art and sculpture are featured at Adath Israel's 12th annual art auction set for this Sunday, the 13th. Preview times are 2-4 and 6.30-8 p.m., with the auction at 8. For added interest, there's a silent auction.

SCIENCE FAIR

The Metro Toronto science fair, where students from schools throughout Metro display their science projects, is open to the public this weekend, the 12th and 13th, at the Ontario Science Centre. The judging and awards ceremony take place on Monday.

ALIYA INFORMATION

A meeting has been arranged by the Israel Aliya Centre and the North American Aliya Movement for Monday, the 14th, to discuss buying a car in Israel and 220-volt appliances with Dr. Morty Silverberg, Toronto dentist who has been dividing his time between Toronto and Israel for the past several years. The time is 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

The Jewish Vegetarian Society is having a pot-luck supper this Sunday, the 13th, at 6 p.m. at 171 Strathearn Rd. Reservations are a must. Call 667-3647.

SENIORS HAPPENINGS

The Wagman Centre is a beehive of activity — On Sunday, the 13th, the lecture series on Canadian politics concludes with a discussion on **Canadian Political Parties Today** by Ben Foster, PhD candidate in history at the University of Toronto. Lecture runs from 3-4 p.m. . . . The Luncheon of the Month for mothers and daughters on Tuesday, the 15th, features Laura Sabia, columnist and former chairman of the Ontario Status of Women Council, who will talk about **Women and Family Law.** For reservations, call 789-5131, ext. 410.

...A Holocaust memorial, Yom Hashoah takes place Monday, April 14, from 7-9 p.m. in the assembly room. Program features Baycrest Terrace residents Nachman Zelikovitz, Lilly Swerdlow and Yetta Brickman, singer Jenny Eisenstein, pianist Igor Kuchinsky and speaker Nachum Neslen, plus 14 concentration camp survivors....**Music Through Films**, a music appreciation series scheduled for Wednesday afternoons from 3-4:30, gets off to a start on the 16th, with a film entitled **What Does Classical Music Mean?** It is a musical illustration of well-known concerts.

The Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club spring luncheon takes place Monday, the 14th, at 12.30 at the synagogue. Entertainment is by humorist Nat Garnick. For reservations, call Vera Shulman at 638-4163.

The Workmen's Circle Social Club gets together on Tuesday, the 15th, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. West. Lunch (regular charge) will be followed by entertainment by humorist Philip Cohen and a Ukrainian choir of 30 people. for information, call Shirley Grotell at 222-7727.

The Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50 also meets on Tuesday, the 15th. Guest speaker is Justice Abraham Lieff. The time is 1.15 p.m.

Beth Sholom Seniors have two events coming up---On Wednesday, the 16th, there's a general meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the, Gerald Schwartz Auditorium with guest speaker Ald. Susan Fish....Then on Thursday, the 17th, the Rosh Chodesh Iyar service is at 9 a.m. in the Betesh chapel followed by breakfast in the Gerald Schwartz Auditorium. Guest speaker is Rabbi Harold Lerner.

SPRING FASHION SHOW

For the latest in what the well-dressed women and men are wearing this season, be sure to catch Spring Sling 1980, the annual fashion show and tea staged by Renana Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO this Tuesday, the 15th, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For an added plus, there's an auction sale and door prizes. For tickets, call Marlene Hait at 445-1948 or Barbara Starkman at 441-1586.

FOR SINGLES

Total Living group (for singles 40 and over) is having a dance this Saturday, April 12, with music by the Harvey Silver trio. It begins at 8 p.m., at 100 Elder St.

The New Young Adults (19-25) of the Jewish Community Centre north branch has arranged for volleyball in the JCC auxiliary gym from 6.30-8:30 p.m. this Sunday, the 13th. For information, call Harold Glass at 636-1880, ext. 65.

On Wednesday, the 16th, the JCC Singles (35-55) will hear Dr. Michael Ross talk about **Bio-Feedback.** That's at 8 p.m. at the JCC north branch. For information, contact Marilyn Fenton at 636-1880.

JCC TENNIS & SWIM CENTRE

Here's a chance to see the new Jewish Community Centre Valley Tennis and Swim Centre. Open house has been scheduled for Sunday, the 13th, and again on the 20th, from 1-4 p.m. There will be tours and tennis (weather permitting) and staff on hand to answer questions.

YIDDISH MUSICAL COMEDY

Yiddish musical comedy comes to Toronto — **Rebecca, The Rabbi's Daughter,** starring Mary Soreanu and Yankele Alperin, goes on stage, for one performance only, on Wednesday, the 16th, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. For tickets, call the synagogue office at 633-3838 or Negev Book Store at 781-0071.

BB KING DAVID LODGE

B'nai B'rith King David Lodge, now in formation, draws its membership from an area that spans from downtown Toronto to north of Richmond Hill. The lodge holds regular social functions, monthly meetings with guest speakers, weekly basketball and co-ed volleyball sessions, and is hoping to field a baseball team. For details of what's happening, call Neil Nathan at 497-3525 or Peter Fisher at 635-0449 or Dennis Gluck at 884-5920.

KETUBAH DISPLAY

The display of ketubahs at the Art Gallery of Ontario will continue until April 27, showing a collection of Jewish marriage contracts from across the world. Of the 40 shown, most are on loan from the Beth Tzedec Congregation's Cecil Roth collection.

...about people

Max Goody

Torontonian **Max Goody** was elected national acting president of the Zionist Organization of Canada at the 42nd national convention last month. Among the other national officers is another Torontonian, **Helen Smolack** who is a vice-president along with **Ben Prossin** of Halifax and Dr. **Eli Adler** of Edmonton. **David Azrieli** of Montreal is treasurer and **Mortimer Pliskow** of Sudbury is secretary. One additional officer will be appointed from the Pacific region.

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This Sunday, the 13th, saxophone virtuoso **Paul Brodie** presents three world premieres of works by **Srul Glick, Harry Freedman** and **Ben McPeek.** He is appearing with one of Canada's best chamber music ensembles, Camerata, in concert at the Edward Johnston Building, 80 Queen's Park Cres. The concert, which begins at 8..30 p.m., is being recorded by the CBC. The next day, Brodie leaves for New York with Camerata for a recording session there of the music played at this concert.

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Community involvement is typical of many Baycrest staff — **Rhoda Kopstein,** director of volunteer services and of the women's auxiliary has been elected to the board of directors of the Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto, and appointed chairman of its long-range planning committee. Miss Kopstein has been a member of the committee for the past two years representing Baycrest Centre as a user agency.

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A luncheon is being given on Friday, the 11th, in honor of the chief rabbi of Jerusalem, **Rabbi Jacob B. Zolty,** who is visiting Toronto this week. The event, which takes place at 12.15 at Shomrei Shabbos Synagogue, is under auspices of the Orthodox Division-Kashruth Council of Congress. If you would like to attend, RSVP by calling 977-0050.

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Temple Sinai's new administrator, **David Fischer,** comes to the position with 10 years of professional experience in administration, the last four as executive director of Doctors' Hospital. Born and educated in the U.S., he has a Bachelor of science degree in management and personnel administration and a masters in public administration. Fischer succeeds **Norman Spector** who remains on staff in a part-time capacity as fiscal director.

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Aaron Nussbaum, principal of United Synagogue Day Schools, was elected to a two-year term as vice-president of the Jewish Educators Assembly at its recent conference at the Concord Hotel, N.Y. The Jewish Educators Assembly is an organization of 350 principals, bureau directors and communal educators affiliated with United Synagogue of America.

Ramah plans reunion

A reunion is being planned for all former campers and staff members who were at Camp Ramah in Ontario during the 1960s.

The organizing committee for the event has scheduled a Shabbat weekend, Friday, June 20 to Sunday, June 22 at the camp site in the Gravenhurst area.

One of the organizers of he reunion, Paul Freedman, said one of the main purposes of the weekend is to "attract the children of original campers. That's why we want to make it a family-type thing." Freedman told the CJN that at least 150 people are expected to attend the reunion, "but there may be as many as 300 there."

Another committee member, Rhona Shulman, said most of the campers at Ramah went there for years and years. She said it's a Hebrew speaking camp connected with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Shulman said the reunion will be an excellent chance for former Ramahniks to once again "experience the camp feeling and see old friends and find out what's become of them."

She said the campers came from a widespread area, many from the United States. "For that reason it becomes difficult to keep in touch with many of them," she added.

The reunion is open to families and singles. For application forms contact: Howard Levenson, 146 Davenport Rd., Toronto.

Israel's poor detailed

TEL AVIV [ZINS] —

Israeli daily newspaper Yediot Ahronot recently reported some hard statistics on the widespread state of poverty in Israel.

Quoting from a research paper recently published by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Yediot Ahronot identified the poverty level at IL. 2,375 per person a month. A family of two earning less than IL. 4,750 was also considered below the poverty line. For a family of four, a different standard was applied: the level was set at IL. 7,600 monthly.

With these figures as guidelines, the researchers said 142,400 families are on the poverty substance level. The number of families living below the poverty level totals 186,800, and those living in dire poverty numbered 56,600 families.

The research paper noted a decline in overall poverty because of the introduction of social security and pensions for children. It said the findings "should not imply that all these families are actually starving, but rather that many are severely lacking in life's necessities."

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Million dollar endowment left for the Mount Sinai Hospital

TORONTO —

The executors of the estate of the late Harold Tanenbaum have announced that Mount Sinai Hospital is the recipient of a $1 million research endowment from the estate. Tanenbaum, a Toronto businessman, died of cancer at age 47 in 1978.

Annual income from the funds will finance research projects at the hospital where cancer investigations are being carried out through its immunology programs.

In announcing the endowment, Sidney Liswood, president of Mount Sinai Institute, the principal funding arm of the hospital's research program, said: "This generous gift will enhance the research efforts of the hospital and enable it to keep pace with its excellent teaching, patient care and community health programs."

Harold Tanenbaum

The hospital board of directors will name the research department of Mount Sinai Hospital, The Harold Tanenbaum Department of Research, as a lasting memorial and tribute to Mr. Tanenbaum, he added.

According to Gerald P. Turner, the hospital's executive director, Mount sinai's research activities have made a number of significant contributions to medical progress, most notably major advances in the diagnosis of leukemia, tissue transplantation, a procedure to detect hypothyroidism (a cause of mental retardation) in newborns, studies of the aging process as it relates to bones and cartilage, and significant results in the development of knee transplantation and its operational procedures.

A wide range of research projects is being carried out at the hospital, he said, with particular emphasis on immunology as it pertains to organ transplantation and malignancy, leukemia and gerontology. In 1979, there were 42 research projects involving over 65 principal investigators, technicians and support staff.

Cure for cold

REHOVOT [ZINS] —

A kibbutz near Rehovot claims it has developed the most effective treatment for the common cold.

Kibbutz Netzer-Sereni has patented Rhinotherm, a little box it says will bring relief to sufferers of the common cold and allergies based on the ideas of a scientist from the Weizmann Institute.

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The unit is due on the market in three years at an estimated cost of $200.

Israeli consumer buys more goods than ever

JERUSALEM [ZINS] —

Israel's economy may be in trouble, but the consumer is buying more than ever.

Statistics recently published by the Central Statistical Bureau [CSB] show that in the first nine months of 1979, when inflation was at its peak, some 36,400 new automobiles were bought in Israel. This meant 4,000 cars were purchased each month as compared to 2,700 monthly in 1978 and 2,150 monthly in 1977.

CSB also revealed that television sales were never higher — about a 70% increase over 1978 for the same time period. Around 129,000 TVs were sold, and three-quarters of those were color TVs, which cost on the average about $2,000 each.

Although figures are up for washing machines as well, this homely item did not fare as well with consumers. Washing machine sales of 53,000 rose a mere 2% over the previous year.

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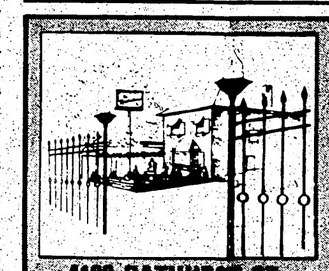

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Pride of Israel Sick Benefit group to celebrate its 75th anniversary

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Currently planning their 75th anniversary celebrations, the members of the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society are very proud indeed.

The organization is an umbrella for the congregation, covering a fraternal and sick benefits association plus the Pride of Israel Temple, sisterhood, brotherhood and loan syndicate. It is the oldest, largest and strongest sick benefits society in Canada, according to its president, Sol Atkin. From an initial membership of 10 individuals, it has grown to its current strength of 650 families.

The PISBS was formed to assist newly arrived immigrants settle in their Canadian homes. For the first 10 or 15 years the members were mainly from Poland and Russia but they soon represented all of the countries from which Jews were emigrating to this country. Although it did not initially include a synagogue, the society always provided High Holiday services for its members.

As the membership grew, so did their needs and the variety of services provided to themselves as well as to the general community. Despite the fact that members pay only $50 annually for society membership, the organization disburses thousands of dollars annually.

Although OHIP now provides for members' doctor and hospital bills, the society still pays out approximately $6,000 yearly in benefits for sickness and death. Each member is entitled to a grave stone, provided by an insurance policy issued automatically with membership.

Members are given $20 per week for up to 13 weeks in cases of illness which prevents working.

Each year, 20-25 impoverished families are provided with all the accoutrements for the observance of Rosh Hashonah and Passover and 40-50 people, whose names are provided by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service are invited to participate in High Holiday services at the synagogue as guests of the congregation.

Norman Bolter, a society vice-president, believes that Pride of Israel is about the only synagogue in Toronto which currently offers this service.

The society helps support over 50 charities, regardless of race, creed or color, in the Toronto area and is devoted to assisting Israeli institutions and citizens. It recently presented to the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre of the Tel Aviv University Sackler School of Medicine a $35,000 apparatus to be used for cardiovascular surgery training.

The Pride of Israel Loan Society grants loans to members at interest rates far below those charged by banks and interest free when the money is to be used for the purchase of Israel Bonds.

Pride of Israel members are planning a trip to Israel, departing April 14. One of the aims of the trip will be the determination of how they may be of further aid to Israeli soldiers and veterans.

Now in its fourth year is the Peters Memorial Scholarship Fund established in memory of the teenager who was brutally murdered. Up to six students a year are aided in their quest for university education with the scholarship money. The students are selected according to need.

The original Mount Sinai Hospital on Yorkville Ave. was largely funded by wives of the society's funding members as was the Baycrest Home for the Aged, when it was located on Cecil St. under its original name, the Jewish Old Folks Home. Early on, the society was also instrumental in securing hospital placements for young Jewish doctors and for providing leadership in numerous civic movements affecting the then fledgling Jewish community.

Toronto's two Jewish mayors, the late Nathan Phillips and Philip Givens, were Pride of Israel members as are the fathers of North York mayor Mel Lastman and Ontario minister of industry and tourism Larry Grossman. Many current members can trace their family membership back to the society's origins. Atkin is following in his father's footsteps and Bolter is a third generation member, with his daughter and son-in-law comprising the fourth.

Since the society began as a source of aid to immigrants, the members thought it only fitting that they help the latest wave of newcomers to this country — thus, they donated over $15,000 to Operation Lifeline, the organizations established for the benefit of the Boat People.

Rabbi Harold Lerner, spiritual leader of the Pride of Israel Temple, is the 10th generation member of his family to be in the rabbinate.

He is assisting the members in planning their latest project — the establishment of one of the most comprehensive reference libraries of any synagogue or church in the country. When completed, it will include film and sound equipment plus thousands of volumes of Yiddish and Hebrew books, many in braille.

Anniversary festivities will take place on June 1 at the Constellation Hotel. It is expected that over 1,000 people will attend and the synagogue building, at 59 Lissom Crescent, could not comfortably accommodate them. Invited guests will include representatives of all levels of government and other religions as well as members and their families. They will share in the burning of the congregation's mortgage.

(Leo Hausman photo)

FINALIZE PLANS

Seymour Schwartz [left] new leadership co-chairman of State of Israel Bonds and Paul Slavens, chairman of the new leadership mission to Israel finalize plans for the upcoming National New Leadership International Delegation May 4-15. There'll be an optional side trip to Egypt.

Politician, author

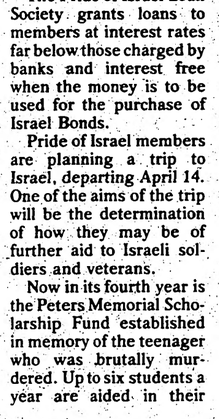
Rabin, Buckley to speak for Israel Bonds in April

TORONTO — Yitzhak Rabin, former prime minister of Israel, and William F. Buckley Jr., U.S. political commentator, will be here to address Israel Bonds functions later this month.

Buckley, noted author, editor and controversial political, economic and social analyst, will be the featured guest speaker at the professions division reception, Thursday April 17 at the Constellation Hotel. He will discuss "Some of the Problems of Freedom" and will be followed by a panel discussion with Toronto personalities Barbara Amiel, Prof. David Demson, Dean Harry Crowe and Moses Znaimer.

This will be the first time that one major program will have the participation of Bonds' 10 professional divisions: accountants, dental, legal, advertising, engineers, medical, optometry, architects, insurance and pharmaceutical.

Yitzhak Rabin



William F. Buckley

Rabin will be in Toronto Wednesday, April 23 to address three Bonds divisions: at a sponsor luncheon for the women's division, hosted by Mrs. Jack Friedman, 142 Forest Hill Rd.; a meeting for the new leadership division, hosted by Gerald Yaffe, 5 Old Forest Hill Rd.; and the Prime Minister's Club reception, hosted by George Cohon, 112 Old Forest Hill Rd.

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Parshat Shemini/Pirkei Avot 1/Rosh Chodesh Iyar

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The brilliant Nodah b'Yehuda had many enemies. As saintly as he was, it did not protect him from those who constantly found fault. Once, he was so insulted that he retreated to his study, where he broke down crying.

One of his adversaries spotted him through the open window and shouted: "One doesn't become the Praguer rabbi through tears!"

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What is a rabbi? He's no different than any other Jew except — that he has dedicated his life to helping other Jews know G-d and Torah.

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Consider . . . the Pirkei Avot teaches: "You should be disciples of the Prophet Aaron — loving peace, pursuing peace, loving people, and drawing them closer to Torah."

What does peace have to do with Torah? But the Tanna is teaching — love peace all you want, be in harmony, bend over backwards, but only when it leads to Torah.

But a peace where you see something wrong, people straying from the proper path, morals shattered, Jewish law made a mockery, and for the sake of "peace" one places his hand over his mouth — that's not a real peace. You have to speak up for what's right, and not be afraid!

A Jew has to speak up for what's right — but it has to be done in a loving, considerate manner.

When you see someone doing something wrong, there are two ways to change him. One is to go over and criticize, condemn, embarrass. But that achieves nothing. It puts a person in the corner. Ohaiv et habriyot — you have to love people, speak to them with consideration and respect; show that you mean for their benefit and then you will guide them to Torah.

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Love people, says the Pirkei Avot, and draw them closer to Torah.

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May every Jew serve as a rabbi of the Almighty to teach his Torah, amen. Shabbat Shalom.

Sephardic centre urges community support

TORONTO —

A community-wide appeal for aid in funding the Or Hamarav Sephardic Centre has gone out from Rabbi Leon Edery. The institute is a school for higher-learning.

Edery, the executive director of the centre, told The Canadian Jewish News in an interview that $385,000 is needed for the finishing touches of the centre which is opening in about four weeks time at 2939 Bathurst St.

"There is a great need to have an institute for higher learning for the Sephardic community," Edery said. "We must train rabbis for the future, especially for Latin America."

There will be about 40 students from Latin America attending the school, he added.

Or Hamarav will also function as a youth centre, "a place for youth to go," Edery said. "We want to give something to the Toronto Jewish community."

Edery said the origin of the Sephardic community is quite diverse with many coming from Morocco, Iraq, India and Latin America. "One common denominator is that they are Jews. Moreover, they wish to retain their culture and identity while striving to become good Canadian citizens," he said.

"These cultural needs are currently being met very sparingly," he added. "Religious services are held in a converted house on Bathurst St. This particular accommodation is quite insufficient to provide any social functions which the community sorely needs."

Whatever happened to togetherness? is central theme of women's conference

TORONTO —

Whatever happened to togetherness? is the central theme of this year's Conference of Women, sponsored by Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations and to be held on Thursday, April 17, at the new Earl Bales Community Centre at 4169 Bathurst St.

Featured speaker at this year's conference is Dr. Vivian M. Rakoff, who heads the department of psychiatry at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

The FJWO is an affiliate of Toronto Jewish Congress.

"Remember when parents and children engaged in all sorts of joint activities during the 50s and early 60s?" asked conference chairman Barbara Orfus during an interview. "With the advent of the hippies and the women's movement, the 'we' generation became the 'me' generation, with everyone doing his own thing."

The radical changes in lifestyles in the last decade, says Mrs. Orfus, are having a devastating effect on the traditional family, with a telling impact on Jewish family values.

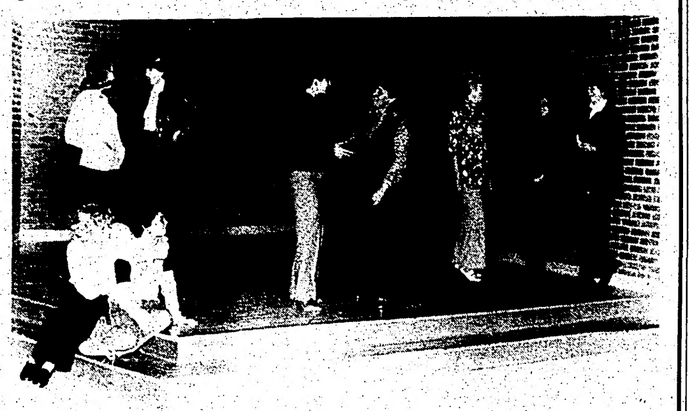
"People are marrying at a much later age than they used to, if at all," Mrs. Orfus stated, "and many young women are opting for 'self fulfilling' careers instead of children. As the divorce rate rises, single parenthood becomes more and more commonplace."

What the conference hopes to do, said Mrs. Orfus, is to focus in on the Jewish family today and try to provide some insights in coping with the new social mores.

"We're not taking sides or making judgments," she explained. "We're just presenting the facts as they are and ask the women who attend to take what they have heard back to their organizations."

The conference planning committee, working along with Barbara Orfus, arranged a whole new format for this year's event. Featured in the first part of the program will be a series of mini socio-dramas depicting alternate lifestyles, with their cause and effect on Jewish families. The nine-member cast has been working under the direction of Rozelle Stone.

A kosher continental brerakfast at $3 per person will be served. The program begins at 9.15 a.m. and ends at noon. For information and reservations, call Min Harris at 977-3811.



Cast is shown in rehearsal for mini socio-dramas to be featured at the annual FJWO women's conference April 17.

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Small centres maintain their identity

By VIVIEN SHARON

[This is the first of a two-part series on small communities. The second segment will appear in an early issue.]

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Despite limited facilities, Jews living in small, slow-growth communities throughout Ontario, identify strongly with their Jewishness, are very close-knit, and are, for the most part active. They are far from becoming extinct — a myth often perceived.

Even though many are involved in merchant trades and thus, assimilate for business reasons, they remain distinct. On a general vein, holidays are observed, kosher food and meat rank as high priorities, cheder for the young is desired, and synagogue services are organized.

One thing cannot be negated: the synagogue is the centripetal force in the small community. It blends cultural, social, educational and religious life into one.

Marcy Gilbert, director of community services and youth activities, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, is the cohesive force who provides outreach to 30 communities in the province. She is in constant touch with these communities, either by phone, mail, or in person. On an average, she tries to be "on the road" three times weekly, and says her work is "challenging, invigorating, a true learning experience."

The distances she treks by car are staggering: Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Pembroke, North Bay, Kirkland Lake, are only some of the places she visits. She has yet to fly to Thunder Bay.

A graduate of Montreal's University of McGill, and former director of Hillel on campus, Miss Gilbert not only meets rabbis and leaders of each community, but also organizes exchange programs with the youth of neighboring cities. This is currently the case in Belleville, Peterborough and Kingston.

Rapport with Jewish students on Ontario campuses is maintained through the Council for University Presidents (CUP), Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region, a committee which was formed 10 months ago.

Its goal is to ensure that concerns of university students are heard. To this end, York University, in co-operation with CUP, is sponsoring a 10-day excursion to Northern Ontario, called "Is There Life Beyond Toronto," including such communities as Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins, Pembroke, Kirkland Lake and North Bay.

"Jews in small communities are very committed; they cannot take their Jewishness for granted," stated Gilbert. "To produce a bulletin is a major undertaking, falling on the shoulders of several volunteers who will type, stamp and write labels by hand."

Foresight is another quality required, she added. "A small detail like ordering draydels for Chanukah or matzot for Passover has to be thought of far in advance." So does ordering kosher meat, which comes from the big cities.

Murray Davis, 57, is actively involved in synagogue life in Sault Ste. Marie. His wife is president of the ladies auxillary of Beth Jacob Congregation, the only synagogue in the community. An acquaintance of author Morley Torgov, he says Sault Ste. Marie is "a place to stay — not a place to come from."

He claims being isolated is an "asset . . . We are very aware of our Jewish roots. If there is a mitzvah or funeral — we are all drawn together," said Davis, who orders kosher food from Toronto. "Our community will never die."

Sault Ste. Marie is typical of other small Ontario communities. There is no rabbi, so a teacher acts as community co-ordinator and spiritual leader. Since the community is small, only 65 people, there are services just for High Holidays and Yarzheits. Six children attend Sunday school, and there is a B'nai B'rith chapter, Hadassah chapter and Sisterhood.

Two remote communities, Thunder Bay (1,386 kilometres from Toronto) and Kirkland Lake (571 kilometres) are struggling, says Gilbert.

Thunder Bay, which has 38 Jewish families and one synagogue, Shaar Hashomayim Congregation, is dwindling because of "its lack of resources and distance from urban centres."

Kirkland Lake, she says, is slowly dying. Its synagogue, Hebrew Congregation of Kirkland Lake, has been dismantled; Toronto's Beth Tikvah has just bought its pulpit. Today, only 15 Jewish people live there, where, 10 years ago, there were close to 200 families. The synagogue no longer employs a rabbi.

Chuck Lear, past president of the Sons of Jacob Congregation in Belleville, says the main problem of a small community is its inability to finance Jewish communal activities. "Thirty families have to support the synagogue, the rabbi and the Sunday school," he pointed out.

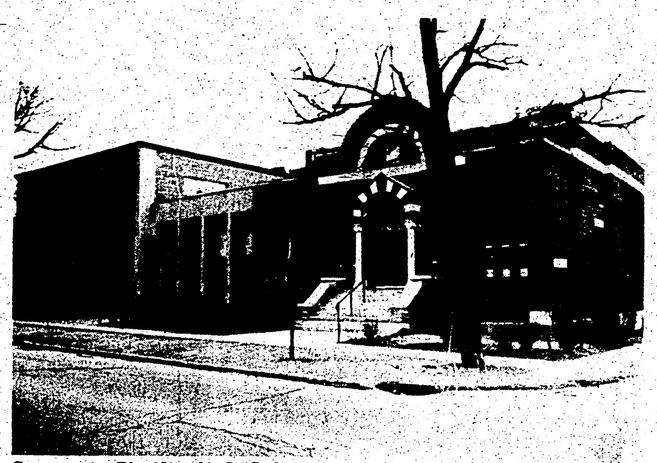
Continues Lear: "Yet Jews maintain a high profile in the community, are an important ethnic group, and are recognized as such."

Rabbi Moshe Yeres, of Beth David Congregation in Brantford, says his community of 70 families is not overly active, and stagnant. "People are not moving in; there is no new blood to fill the gaps," says the rabbi.

"There is a lack of a snowballing effect in an isolated community," stressed Rabbi Yeres. "We are always drawing on the same limited volunteers," said the rabbi, whose wife, Esther, is the daughter of the late Rabbi Israel Frankel, of the Jewish Public Library.

"There is somehow the feeling that money for Jewish organizations stays in the big cities, and doesn't filter down to the small cities," added Rabbi Yeres.

Other communities regularly visited by Marcy Gilbert of Canadian Jewish Congress include: Cambridge, with 15 families; Chatham, 24 families; Cornwall, 28 people; Niagara Falls, 50 families; Owen Sound, 19 families; Pembroke, 13 families; Oakville, with 30-40 families; Burlington, 130 families; Guelph, 70 families; Kingston, 500-1,000 people; Oshawa, with 92 families; St. Catharines, 300 families and Peterborough, 60 families.



Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Catharines is one of only a few shuls still to be found in small Ontario cities and towns.

Rivlin's aliya commemorated

JERUSALEM — One of the world's largest Jewish families will hold an anniversary reunion in Jerusalem on June 11, to celebrate 170 years of settlement in the land of Israel.

The descendants of Rabbi Hillel Rivlin will gather at Convention Hall here to commemorate the aliya of their ancestor in 1809. In that year Rabbi Rivlin led a migration of the disciples of the Vilna Gaon to settle first in Safed and two years later in Jerusalem.

The Rivlin family has pioneered in developing the New Jerusalem outside the Old City, beginning with the Nahlat Shivah settlement, established in 1869 by Rabbi Yosef Rivlin. Many distinguished leaders of modern Israel are members of the family, including the world chairman of the Jewish National Fund, Moshe Rivlin, Ambassador David Rivlin who represented the State of Israel in Norway, Canada and New York City, and the late Yosef Yoel Rivlin, professor of Arabic at the Hebrew University, who was nominated for the presidency of Israel in 1957.

The reunion in Jerusalem will bring Rivlins from many parts of the world to join their Israeli relatives in a program of commemoration. It will include religious services, guided tours, a presentation by academic scholars on the history of Jerusalem, an evening of the arts, featuring the work of performers, musicians and artists who are descendants of Rabbi Hillel Rivlin, and a pageant dramatizing the family's part in the story of modern Israel.

Members of the family who wish further information about this reunion should write to Rabbi Aaron M. Wise, 5444 Ben Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. 91607. Rabbi Wise is one of at least 20 U.S. rabbis who are scions of the Rivlin family.

Diaspora statistics inaccurate

TEL AVIV (ZINS) — Important comments on Jewish demography were made by a leading Israeli scientist, prof. Roberto Bacchi, at a meeting of the Israeli society for Family Planning.

As reported by Davar, Prof. Bacchi believes that the number of Jews living in the Diaspora is considerably lower than usually estimated, and is today not more than 10 million. He said the Jewish birthrate is very low; Jews constitute an aging community; mixed marriages reduce significantly the Jewish population in the world.

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Acclaimed pioneer community worker leaves Hamilton to live in Israel

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — "As soon as you have mastered the language," wrote the clinical director of the Catholic Children's Aid Society to Mary Blum-Devor, "you will no doubt be mothering the whole of Israel." And very likely she will.

The decision to leave her job as clinical director of the Child and Adolescent Services, Hamilton-Wentworth Regional Health Unit, and move to Israel was a tough one, admits Mrs. Blum-Devor "and for three weeks I cried and cried."

But her resignation also brought a flood of letters and calls from people "telling me I'm special," she smiles with a mixture of genuine delight and wonder, "and if I'm really so special I thought, wouldn't it be marvelous to give it to Israel!"

Close to 300 people turned up at a party at city hall recently, in the pouring rain, and from as far as Toronto, to bid farewell to the woman medical officer of health Dr. Ian Cunningham described as "one of our best community people."

"Mary is very accepting of other people," commented one guest, pinpointing the secret of her popularity and success. "Her wisdom, skills and love," said Dr. Cunningham, "will be missed."

A former Montrealer and University of Toronto graduate with an M.A. in psychology specializing in child study and abnormal child development, Mrs. Blum-Devor has pioneered the use of volunteers in the treatment of emotionally disturbed children and been instrumental in coordinating all children's services in the region.

She has lectured part-time in the department of psychiatry at McMaster University and the school of social work, has been a member of numerous boards concerned with education and various aspects of child development and been in constant demand as a speaker and authority on all topics relating to children. Even, she recalls laughing, "on whether children should be encouraged to believe in Santa Claus." Her

Mary Blum-Devor

emphatic "yes" brought her calls from all over the country.

In Hamilton since 1962, it was following her first husband Sid Blum's death 10 years ago that she "really matured." Already involved in volunteer and part-time work and a full-time staff member of the clinic since 1967, she was appointed chief psychologist in 1970 and two years later, clinical director.

Before that, married at the age of 21, "I was just a kid, really," she confided in an earlier interview. "I did everything a good wife was supposed to do — stayed home, brought up the children and did what my husband told me."

With her own five children, like all parents, "I made mistakes," she admits. But all turned out well "doing more than one thing and being very creative."

The eldest, Helen, is a socal worker in Vancouver with a special interest in dance; Lennie, a musician, has just shared in the Genie award for best original script for "Meatball;" Lily, a teacher with the Hebrew Academy, plans to write; Jackie is making a name for himself as an actor and director and the youngest, 19-year old Ricky, has been a Yeshiva student in Jerusalem for the past three years.

Her first task in Israel, says Mrs. Blum-Devor, will be to learn Hebrew and write a book about her work and methods and after that she hopes that "with a lot of wealthy people in Israel with nothing to do and time to help" she will be able to develop a similar program for emotionally disturbed children.

Always a Zionist, she had been considering moving to Israel ever since her marriage less than a year ago to Berko Devor, a former Toronto lawyer turned developer "with a dream of building a hotel in Israel," where he has been living for the past 10 years. Her decision, which "I could not have made in Hamilton," came on a recent month-long trip and was, she adds, "a spiritual one."

The couple will be leaving for Jerusalem in mid-April but "I'll be back," promises Mrs. Blum-Devor. In August for Lily's wedding, in February to fulfil some speaking engagements and often after that.

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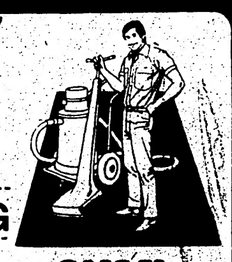

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Urges more lawyers to act for human rights

By DANIEL ACKS

TORONTO — Canadian lawyers must assume a greater involvement in specific human rights issues relating to the Soviet Union, said Robert B. McKay, director of the program on justice, society and the individual of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Speaking recently at a luncheon sponsored by the Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry at the Sheraton Centre, McKay stated that lawyers "must take an interest in the rule of law as it applies to the Soviet Union."

Noting that the Soviet constitution "sounds good on paper," and that Russians are "willing to sign all universal documents, including the Helsinki Final Act," McKay pointed out that "the reality of their human rights regimen is drastically opposite to their signed commitments."

McKay, who visited the Soviet Union two years ago, provided the gathering with a first-hand account of his observations and impressions of the methods by which the Soviet judicial system continues to harass and subjugate its Jewish citizens.

"When the state has an interest in the legal outcome of a criminal case," McKay stated, "the lawyer's role is to persuade the defendant to plead guilty. Nobody who spoke out loud enough and long enough to the outside world is immune to prosecution and harassment."

McKay cited loss of identity as a result of the imposed restrictions on religious freedom as a constant threat to the three million Jews now living in the Soviet Union. Conversely, however, the government's pervading anti-semitism is, according to McKay, the "most important single force which binds the Jews together."

Although more Jews are seeking emigration, the number of Jews actually permitted to exit the country has declined since peaking last year. New restrictions on granting exit visas, such as the requirement that an applicant must possess a letter of invitation from a relative living in Israel (no other country is recognized), has seen a drastic rise in the rate of denials.

The government also follows a program of social and cultural harassment which forbids teaching the Hebrew language, printing of Hebrew books, and makes it difficult for a Jew to enrol in any of the principal Soviet universities.

McKay listed the laws of parasitism as a further obstacle to obtaining an exit visa. "Those Jews attempting to initiate emigration on their own are usually denied employment or fired from their present job, and then charged with parasitism — having no gainful employment. It is almost a Catch-22 situation."

He emphasized that those Soviet dissidents he came into contact with desire constant communication with the outside world and consider "the mutual exchange of news and ideas as a means to a heightened awareness of their plight" vital for the continuation of their efforts.

"Retaliation in the sense of cutting off all communication does not do the human rights cause in the Soviet Union any good," McKay stated. "We must keep the channels open."

Holocaust on Chai

TORONTO — **A half-hour television program on the Holocaust will be heard on Sunday, April 13 at 11 a.m. on Channel 47.**

Producer and host of the Chai show, Shirley Solomon, said the entire program is being devoted to the Holocaust. Special guests will be Rabbi Mark Shapiro, Natan Leipciger, Mary Ronan and Michael Bernenbaum, the deputy director of President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust.

You can help out needy brides with trousseaus

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Don't throw it away! Those things around the house you are thinking of discarding can help provide trousseaus for needy brides in Israel, according to a group of young women in Downsview.

Spokesperson for Needy Brides in Israel, Debby Lebovic explained that she and her friends have a very informal association. They hold no meetings, have no officers. But they have excellent results from their efforts — they hold garage sales of donated discards and send the proceeds to newlyweds in Israel who otherwise would have to start married life without even the barest of necessities.

"As you know," she stated, "everything in Israel is very costly and most of these young couples must purchase their apartments even before buying anything to put in them. (There are few rentals in Israel.) We all know of several large families with anywhere from five to 10 children who can't afford to help them buy such things as dishes, cutlery, linens, appliances, etc.

"So we borrowed an idea from a group in New York and started holding garage sales. We've been so successful, that we're now planning our third sale."

A previous sale netted $900 and the group is looking forward to even greater results next time. The money is sent according to need, rather than through any specified scale or apportionment.

Everyone currently involved in spring cleaning or a paint job or move to a new home or apartment is asked to donate any extras — from linens to antiques to toys, sports equipment, luggage, home accessories, small electrical appliances — to be resold on Sunday, May 18 at Mrs. Lebovic's home, 129 Dalemount Ave., and at a neighbour's garage across the street.

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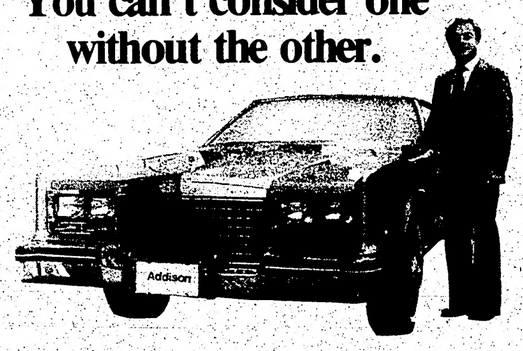

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Rabbi Joseph Kelman (left) looks on as Sandra and David Anisman receive Israel Peace Award from Kurt Rothschild. The Anismans were honored for their role in helping Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue purchase their fifth million dollar institutional note for Israel Bonds in five years. Anisman donated a car every year as incentive.

Commemorates fighters, road builders

stamps

By CHAIM YEHUDA

The 1980 Memorial Day stamp, to be released later this month, depicts the Road of Courage Monument and the stamp's tab includes the insignia of the Israel Defence Forces. Unlike most recent issues, all inscriptions except the name of the country are in Hebrew only.

The Road of Courage Monument commemorates those fighters and road builders who kept the road to Jerusalem open during the War of Independence.

The day after the United Nations partition of November 29, 1947, Jewish traffic became impossible on the main road from the coast to Jerusalem. Initially, traffic was moved in convoys via alternate routes accompanied by haganah forces armed with light weapons. This proved unsatisfactory as Arab attacks persisted and Jerusalem was cut off from the rest of the country.

Several counter offences were mounted including Operations Nachshon, Harel and Maccabi to clear the road. Eventually, after the Arab Legion had taken Latrun, the 7th Brigade established the "Burma Road," an alternate route hidden from the Arabs. At the beginning, only jeeps could use the road and at one point it was necessary to unload the vehicles and carry supplies by mule or by hand to meet vehicles coming from Jerusalem.

As the war continued, this corridor was widened and the new road became an established fact.

Later in the war a more convenient path was found for constructing a road to Jerusalem — the Road of Courage, which was inaugurated on Dec. 7, 1948 and served as the main road until the Six Day War. David Ben-Gurion stated that "this road is a monument to Jewish valor and labor which will always prevail."

The history of the road to Jerusalem is told in philatelic terms by the Jerusalem stamps of the interim period (1948). These stamps were actually Jewish National Fund labels specially printed under conditions of siege showing the map of Palestine with the United Nations partition proposal, and overprinted with "Doar," the currency in mils and the Hebrew characters for Eretz Israel.

Since Jerusalem was isolated from the rest of the Jewish state for part of this period, the story behind these stamps differs significantly from other interim period issues.

Meatballs grosses over $40 million; film's producer is in great demand

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — The phone hasn't stopped ringing in Dan Goldberg's lower Forest Hills flat since the appearance of **Meatballs,** a film that has grossed $40 million across North America.

Its youthful, bespectacled producer has been inundated by calls from friends, admirers, hustlers and moneymen who are impressed by Meatballs, a comedy about summer camp antics in the wilds of northern Ontario.

Recently, more recognition came from the Canadian Motion Picture Distributors Association, which awarded its annual Golden Reel Award to Goldberg and his director, Ivan Reitman.

Goldberg, 31, is in the fortunate position of being able to retire if he so chooses. Meatballs has probably conferred millionaire status on him.

But Goldberg, the son of a Hamilton insurance agency executive, has no intention of retiring, or of resting on his achievements.

"Since Meatballs, I've got about 50 scripts to read," says Goldberg who, together with Len Blum, Harold Ramis and Janis Allen, wrote the script for this rousing comedy filmed at Camp White Pine in the summer of 1978. "But I don't read them," he adds. I don't have the time."

"But the last six months, he and his long-time collaborator, Len Blum, have been busy working on two scripts with which Ivan Reitman is involved.

The first, entitled **Stripes,** is described as "a wacky comedy" by Goldberg. "I don't want to talk about it. We're always changing it. And if I say anything, someone might steal the idea."

The second, **Heavy Metal,** will be a feature-length animated film with a $7 million budget financed by Canadian investors.

Though Meatballs is Goldberg's piece de resistance to date, he has been around sound studios and cutting rooms for at least a decade. Since 1970 he has churned out 20 movies and all but one have been profitable.

Goldberg, who hails from a Reform Jewish family, studied sociology at McMaster University, but his mind was somewhere else. He and Reitman made their first film shortly after he appeared in a campus play called **Li'l Abner.** The 23-minute movie, **Orientation,** was a spoof on freshman life at college. Twentieth Century Fox distributed it and CBC TV broadcast it.

In 1971, he and Reitman co-produced **Foxy Lady,** a 35mm feature which he would rather forget. "I wasn't pleased with it, but I was still learning how to deal with a big crew."

His next project, **Cannibal Girls,** nearly bankrupted him and Reitman. They sank more than $200,000 into debt and creditors were demanding payment. The partners were saved when American International Pictures advanced them $50,000 for movie rights. The film took off and was shown around the world.

Prior to Meatballs, Goldberg was in on the making of several horror films — **Shivers, Rabid, House by the Lake** and **Blackout** — which some critics thought would have been better unmade.

But Goldberg recovered from their generally bad notices when the opportunity to do Meatballs presented itself in the form of a telephone call from Reitman.

Initially, Goldberg wasn't so confident that it could do so well. But after Paramount Pictures grabbed the rights, his confidence rose.

In addition to supervising the Toronto auditions, Goldberg was responsible for rewriting the script, on a day-to-day basis, and ensuring that everyone on the set carried out instructions. "Meatballs refined my writing and producing skills," he says. "It taught me how to deal with people."

Despite Meatballs' success, Goldberg, a bachelor who considers himself deeply religious, is not about to leave Canada for Hollywood.

"I spend a little time in Hollywood, mainly to visit Reitman," he says. "I like Canada and this is where I'd like to live."

Canada's budding film industry, he feels, has a good future. While the industry is going through some hard times at the moment, Goldberg wants to be around when the situation improves.

Good movies have always given him goose bumps and magical feelings, and these are the sensations that Dan Goldberg wants to convey to millions of Canadians in dark movie houses.

List of presidents of Toronto Lodge

Toronto Lodge has made the following corrections in the list of presidents it submitted to The Canadian Jewish News for the March 27 article on its 60th anniversary.

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Outstanding evening for audience at violist's concert

music

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

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She was accompanied by William Aide.

The highlight of the evening was Israeli-contemporary composer Yehezkel Braun's **Nocturno for Viola and Piano,** which was especially composed for Ms. Golani-Erdesz last year. The underlying concept is that the hard times experienced by the world, and by Israel in particular, may be very real but that the future always has the potential to be brighter and that a new dawn is sure to come.

The four-movement work opens with a slow, thoughtful minor-key Adagio, followed by a brightly exuberant major-key fast second movement. The third slow movement builds dramatically, climaxing with an exciting, fast, semi-abstract rhapsodic allegro that resolves into a slower, more reflective conclusion which echoes the original theme, prior to the final fast affirmative exuberance.

Golani-Erdesz's rich tone contains all the nuances and instincts of epic drama with a natural sense of panoramic yet empathetic power. Little wonder that she was the inspiration of such a vital and listenable contemporary work.

The rest of the program featured Shostokovich's **Viola Sonata opus 147** and Ernest Bloch's underexposed masterpiece **Suite for Viola and Piano,** whose fiery soaring impressionism is set amidst a unique tropical-oriental rhythm-harmonic setting.

Canadian composer David Jaeger's **Favour** utilizes electronic creative distortion of semi-impressionistic arpeggios. Thus, this piece, also a world premiere written for the Rivka Golani-Erdesz, is refreshingly innovative.

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PHILIP GLASS: "I sat through a Philip Glass concert and lived to tell about it." These were the words of my companion after attending his March 29 New Music concert.

Not all who attended this sellout event at Walter Hall were so stoical. Attracted by the impressive credentials of this New York-based avant garde composer (including two Obie awards and a Times rave of his work as "aural magic"), quite a few walked out before the 1½-hour concert ended.

The reason for the letdown was that Glass' music, which follows the Steve Reich-originated model of tightly repetitive structure based on a constant oriental-based monotonic-chord foundation, became mechanistically boring. Trifle themes were repeated without variations.

Experiencing death

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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The brilliant Aldous Huxley died on the same day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His last wish, conveyed to his wife in written form, was that he be injected with LSD. Thus he made his trip into another realm.

The irrepressible George Bernard Shaw died in 1950 at the age of 94. An hour before his demise he confided wryly to a friend: "Well, it will be a new experience anyway."

When he was asked on his deathbed whether he had made his peace with God, the American writer and pacifist Henry David Thoreau protested, "I never knew that we had quarreled."

Moe Berg, the scholarly catcher for the Boston Red Sox, spoke 11 languages, served as a successful spy for the United States during the World War II and was an inveterate student. When he died in 1972 his last question to his nurse, was, "How did the Mets do today?"

Cecil Rhodes, after whom Rhodesia is named, was perhaps more than any one man responsible for establishing British rule in Africa. On his death bed in 1902 his last words were, "So little done, so much to do."

The strange man who stood at the head of the Bloomsbury group of British artists, intellectuals and writers was Lytton Strachey, author of **Eminent Victorians** and other groundbreaking volumes of biography. His last words were characteristic: "If this is dying, I don't think much of it."

One or two days before his death in 1889, Heinrich Heine assured a visitor, "God will forgive me, that's his job." His last request to his nurse was, "Pencil — paper." Before he could set down his final thoughts the great poet and humanist was dead.

Eugene O'Neill suffered from a painful degenerative disease. Some time before his death in 1953 he cautioned his family: "Let me die in dignity. Keep it as simple and brief as possible. If there is a God, I'll see him and we'll talk things over."

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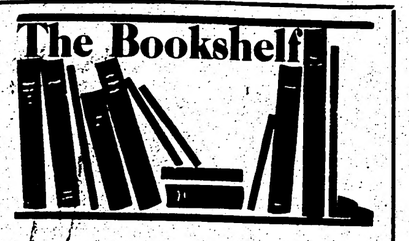

The Images of Their Greatness
Lawrence Ritter and Donald Honig
Musson Book Company, $20.95

Nothing describes **The Images of Their Greatness** better than the closing sentence in the introduction by Lawrence Ritter and Donald Honig when they say: "Within these pages time, for a moment, stands still."

Truer words were never written, for this well put together collection of photographs and text sparks fond memories and kindles new ones for fans of baseball.

There are photos of Toronto Blue Jays' broadcaster, Early Wynn, from his playing days that younger ball fans may enjoy perusing in addition to photos of a young Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio and Willie Mays, to name but a few.

Also included in the collection are a number of photos of some of the top Jewish ballplayers who made it to the major leagues. Fellows like slugger Hank Greenberg, of the Detroit Tigers; Moe Berg, of whom Ritter and Honig say, "probably the most erudite man ever to play in the big leagues. A fine catcher with a weak bat, it was said of Berg that 'he could speak 11 languages but couldn't hit in any of them'."

Jewish jocks from modern times who made the album include: Al Rosen, who may soon be back in baseball as an executive if Denver gets the Oakland franchise, and perhaps the greatest pitcher of all-time Sandy Koufax.

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The Rise of Modern Judaism: An Intellectual History of German Jewry 1650-1942
Heinz Moshe Graupe
Kreiger Publishing Company $18.95

Professor Graupe's book is a systematic history of German-Jewish philosophical thought and its contribution to both liberalism and neo-Orthodoxy. He starts this history at the time the vast turmoil of the Thirty Years War ended in western Europe and the endemic anti-Semitism of Poland and the Ukraine burst upon the Jews there with the horrors of the Chmielniki uprising. Both events reversed the eastward migration of the Jews from the Rhine lands that had been sparked by Crusader brutalities centuries earlier, ending their official term of welcome in eastern Europe. In July, 1942, the last institution representing German-Jewish intellectual pursuit and its centuries of continuity was obliterated with the closing of Berlin's College for the Science of Judaism.

In clear matter-of-fact prose, ideal for the transmission of such information to modern college students (translated into English the book is based on his lectures to University of Hamburg students), Graupe presents an inordinate wealth of detail on the seeming myriad of personalities, academics and intellectual revolutionaries who sought to elaborate Judaism's philosophical aspects into systems of thought at par with those of the most sophisticated of secular German philosophies developing at the time.

Graupe spends little effort debating the negative aspects or the ultimate value of his predecessor's endeavours, which some readers may see as a flaw, possibly one arising out of the strong German chauvinism that seems to pervade the book. But whether or not the reader responds favorably to this feeling, he will find here one of the best books available in English about Jewish-secular philosophical interaction.

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Sophie's Choice
By William Styron
Random House of Canada
$16.50

As touching a novel as **Sophie's Choice** is a rarity. Driven by masterful prose and unforgettable characters, Styron's novel is about sexual fulfilment, relationships and the Holocaust. His central character, Sophie, is a beautiful Polish Catholic who survived Auschwitz. His narrator, Stingo, is a Southerner modelled after Styron. Nathan, the other important figure in the book, is a neurotic, half-mad Jew who's Sophie's lover and Stingo's best friend.

The novel is set in Brooklyn in the year 1947. Stingo, a Marine veteran, arrives in New York city to write a novel. Following an unsuccessful and frustrating stint as a minor editor at a publishing house, he settles down to write the great Southern novel. In the process, he meets Sophie and Nathan, an odd couple who live in the same rooming house.

Stingo, yearning for physical love, falls for Sophie, and befriends Nathan, an abrasive, prophetic and mercurial man. But Sophie's Choice is not just the chronicle of this strange menage a trois. It is a literate probe into the Southern psyche and a moving portrait of a victim of the Holocaust, Sophie.

In essence, **Sophie's Choice** is a Greek tragedy: two of the characters, incapable of happiness, are doomed. The third one, aghast at the unfolding drama, can only watch helplessly.

Sophie's Choice is Styron's first novel since **The Confessions of Nat Turner,** recipient of the 1967 Pulitzer Prize. It is a strong, vibrant, feeling novel and Styron should be commended for it.

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Hirschfeld
By Al Hirschfeld
Dodd, Mead & Co. [Canada] Ltd., $18.75

For 50 years now, one of the first things that many readers of the Sunday edition of the New York Times do is to turn to the entertainment section and look at the latest drawing by artist Al Hirschfeld.

In recent years there's been an added pleasure to this because after Hirschfeld's name there is a number. This tells the reader how many hidden Nina's are in that week's cartoons. It seems that several years ago Hirschfeld's daughter, Nina asked him to put her name in a drawing, he did, and has been doing so ever since.

So, besides being an excellent collection of some of his sketches over the past half century, this book is also great reading for the amateur detective in the quest of Nina. (However, it should be pointed out that only those pictures with numbers after his name have Nina hidden.)

All of the characters in the coffee-table album are show biz people, people who often felt they hadn't made it in their field until they had their portrait drawn by Hirschfeld.

Polish Jews: Past, present

books

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Images Before My Eyes
By Lucjan Dobroszycki and Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett
Schocken Books, New York
$10.95 paperback

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Polish Jews: The Final Chapter
By Earl Vinecour and Chuck Fishman
MacMillan of Canada
$6.95

The saga of Polish Jewry came to a bitter, hideous end on Sept. 1, 1939, when German jets screamed over Warsaw and Nazi infantry and armor stormed across the table-top plains of Poland.

One thousand years of history were swept by the wayside, as the German invaders rounded up the huge Jewish population, interned them in ghettos, deported them eastward or southward and gassed, burned and shot them in killing grounds and concentration camps.

By 1945, Polish Jewry was all but decimated, only a remnant of the 3.5 million Jews having survived the unspeakable horror of the Holocaust.

Thirty four years after the last concentration camps were liberated by the Russians and the Allies, the image of Polish Jewry is growing blurred in the eyes of those who didn't actually experience the depravity of the Holocaust.

Image Before My Eyes: A Photographic History of Jewish Life in Poland, 1864-1939 will sadden Jews who used to live in Poland, and jolt their descendants out of their lethargy.

The richness of Polish-Jewish life will undoubtedly trigger tears and flowing rivers of nostalgia among those who survived the bloodshed. As for the postwar generation, it may well learn how to appreciate the vital, diverse communal life that was so characteristic of Polish Jewry for 1,000 years.

There are 341 black-and-white photographs here, culled from the collection of New York City's YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Most were snapped by men who miraculously survived — photographers like Moshe Raviv and Roman Vishniac.

The text, in ultra-big letters, is readable, succinct and informative.

The photos are wide-ranging, and vary in quality, freezing for perpetuity a community of the living whom Hitler exterminated in six short years.

Warsaw actors read the Jewish Daily Forward; black-suited Jews and colorfully-dressed Carpathian Mountain peasants form a circle of friendship; a Jew with sidelocks milks a goat in a remote village; worshippers leave an ornate synagogue in Lodz; Chassidism engage in animated conversation in the resort of Krynica-Zdrof; housewives in Bialystock carry their cholent to the baker's ovens; Zelig, the tailor, is hard at work; German officers ride into the Jewish quarter of Mlawa, 129 kilometres southwest of Warsaw, during the World War I; 50,000 Warsaw Jews protest British immigration policy in Palestine; ethnic Germans in Poland, hands outstretched in the Nazi salute, march down a fashionable Warsaw street; Labor Zionists participate in a May Day parade.

It all comes back to us in a rush: the villages with thatched roofs, the magnificent synagogues, the communal institutions, and, of course, the characters and personalities who perished.

Image Before My Eyes resurrects the past, if only for a fleetingly brief glance.

By contrast, **Polish Jews: The Final Chapter** illuminates the present-day condition of the few remaining Jews in Poland.

The book consists of words and photos — the text by a U.S. rabbi and freelance writer; the photographs by a prize-winning photographer.

Vinecour and Fishman went to Poland several years ago in search of what is essentially a lost community — a community defined by overgrown cemeteries, abandoned buildings, converted synagogues, old people, assimilated young ones, and terrible memories of the past.

Poland is home to approximately 6,000 Jews, and Fishman has caught them in a variety of activities in towns large and small. "Who will say kaddish for us?" murmurs an old man in Przemysl, summing up the thoughts of most of his fellow Jews.

Polish Jews, in so many different ways, have been forgotten by Poles. In a powerful, poignant passage, Vinecour observes:

"In Gorlice, the town commemorated their martyred Jews by a small plaque on a wall of the town bakery, seemingly an odd place for such a memorial. On inquiry, however, we were told that it had been the local synagogue. The bakery's supervisor, who is also the regional chairman of the Communist Party, beamed with pride to be able to show off the achievements of socialism to Western tourists.

"His bakery, we were told, was able to produce enough bread for the entire Gorlice area. Inside, pointing to what to us was obviously the woman's gallery before the metamorphosis, I asked if that was where the pious Jewish women of Gorlice once prayed. Women? Prayer? he laughed. You mean the grain storage area. This time I pointed to where the Ark of the Law must have stood.

"He instantly responded, The automatic sifter. Finally, I pointed to what appeared to be the location of the memorial tablets where generations of Gorlice Jews must once have been listed. The charts of our production quotas, he boasted. And so it was that in Gorlice, Communist technology was able to transform centuries of Jewish life into the most efficient bakery in the province."

That, then, is the legacy of Polish Jewry, at least in the eyes of many Poles.

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'Kennedy's Children,' an Actor's Ensemble Theatre production recently played in Toronto.

'Kennedy's Children' portrays heroes, ideals turned to dust

theatre
By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The 1960s, that raucous decade of war, social activism, dissension and drugs, seem far away today. **Kennedy's Children,** the Actors Ensemble Theatre's production, brings those years to the stage.

The two-act play by Robert Patrick finished its brief run at the George Ignatieff Theatre recently. The New York Times acclaimed it as the best play of 1974, and judging by its fleeting Toronto revival, it is not hard to see why.

As directed by Stephen Litchen, Kennedy's Children is an effective portrayal of an idealistic age soured by human frailties and by America's involvement in southeast Asia. It revolves around five characters sitting in a Lower East Side bar in 1974, each telling his or her own story. The play takes the form of a series of monologues, which are beautifully written and usually well acted out.

Inevitably, the stories of the protagonists are about disillusionment and regret, and thus Kennedy's Children has a universal theme that is applicable to almost any time.

Wanda is dowdy and morose and thoughtful. She is obsessed by John Kennedy and his seemingly glittering administration, Camelot, as it was called. As is to be expected, she over-idealizes Kennedy and the aura he projected. Lilie Zendel is good at drawing out the euphoric and subsequently, the ambivalent feelings she has about Kennedy.

Terence Bryant, playing the homosexual actor Sparger, is unusually fine in this role. With his mincing walk, facial gestures and clipped manner of speaking, he is the embodiment of hope and confusion. Bryant endows Sparger with a life force that is electrifying at times. And the redundant humor he imparts is not easily forgettable.

Colleen Murphy plays Carla, the failed actress-cum casual prostitute who idolizes Marilyn Monroe, her role model. With towering self-confidence, she believes she can replace Monroe in the eyes of the movie fans. But she is laboring under a delusion, never making it to the top, or even the middle. Murphy is really good, leaving the audience impressed and empathic.

The quaint idealism of the 1960s is represented by Rona (Cathy Loan). At once a flower child and a hard-eyed realist, she takes part in civil rights marches, anti-government protests, love-ins and Woodstock-like rock concerts. On the whole, Loan's portrayal is controlled, though occasionally, listless.

The least persuasive performance is that by David Marriage, who is Mark, a soldier on leave from Vietnam. Somehow, the passion invested in his lines is missing. The confused, weary world view he is supposed to represent is conveyed, but not powerfully.

Despite Marriage's performance, Kennedy's Children is served eminently well by its actors. And the play itself is a devastating portrait of heroes and grand ideas that turn to dust.

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Tighten your belts, says U.S.

JERUSALEM (ZINS) — The U.S. wants more austerity from Israel.

Israel finance minister director Ya'acov Neeman told reporters recently that the U.S. asked Israel to dip into its $2.56 billion in foreign currency reserves to cover some of its growing balance-of-payments deficit.

This and other American requests made during Neeman's recent visit to Washington caused disagreement between the two sides on what steps should be taken to restore health to Israel's economy.

At the same time it has become known that treasury forecasts indicate a $500 million drop in Israel reserves to $2.07 billion by the end of the year. Also predicted are an $800 million increase in the balance-of-payment deficit and growth of the foreign debt to $16.8 billion.

Neeman added that the Americans are watching Israel's economic situation very closely. He said the U.S. approved the treasury's recent budget cuts, but proposed even larger reductions in public spending and advocated a recessionary policy.

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The Bookshelf

Hollywood: The Pioneers
Kevin Brownlow and John Kobal
Collins Publishers, $19.95

Ah, Hollywood. The land of milk and somebody else's honey, the place where as many dreams are shattered, as are made. There's no other place like it in the world, and **Hollywood: The Pioneers,** does an excellent job capturing the early days in the land of make believe.

Basically a scrapbook, with some excellent accompanying text, this book is a real treat for movie fans. Each photograph is worth tearing out of the book and framing. These are excellent photos of some of the great stars like Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Lilliah Gish, Mary Astor and hundreds of other glittering lights from Tinsel Town who were household names throughout Canada and the States during the first quarter of this century.

All the pictures are black and white (they didn't even talk in those days, let alone take color pix), but that helps to add to the nostalgia.

Hollywood: The Pioneers is a wonderful book that would be a welcome addition in any film-goers library.

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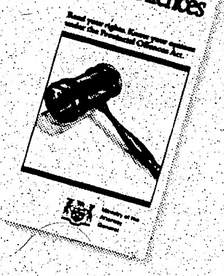

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Story of a second exodus in modern times

Pace of life in Egypt slows down women's UIA trip

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Picture, if you will, 23 ladies, accustomed to a gentler way of life, hurrying down the narrow gangplank of a grubby tugboat, slogging through a wet, sandy beach and scrambling over a steep 10-foot bluff with traveling bags in hand and high heels on feet, all the while taking anxious glances back at a mob of angry Arab villagers gaining ground behind them.

That was the scene as participants in the recent United Israel Appeal of Canada women's division mission made their way out of Egypt, across the Suez Canal and into the Sinai to the Israeli border at El Arish. They're calling it the Second Exodus.

To be fair, those Arabs were not about to harm the women (but who was to know that for sure at the time?); they were chasing after the departing tugboat in what was for most of them to be a vain attempt to get a lift to the other side of the Suez.

This brings us to the crux of the story. Things are done very slowly in Egypt — future tourists be forewarned! People wait days to get across the Suez, which is so narrow you can make out the lines of impatience on the faces of those on the other side, and the UIA women were no exception.

The Egyptians accept this. Westerners will not, and those whose only experience with the Middle East has been Israel have not been given a true picture of what it's like in the rest of that part of the world.

The women's mission left Montreal Feb. 25 for two weeks in Israel, with a day-and-a half scheduled for a side trip to Egypt. Little did they know when they boarded the El Al 707 for the inaugural flight between Tel Aviv and Cairo — This was the first organized group from anywhere on that festive, one-hour flight — that the stay would stretch into almost four days.

All went well the first day. The women were met by Canadian Ambassador Jean-Marie Dery, visited the pyramids, the old synagogue, the Cairo Museum, the Mena House (where Anwar Sadat received Menachem Begin), and took in a little belly dancing.

"We got some indication of the pace of life in Egypt when Israeli AmbassadorEliahu Ben-Elissar's wife, Nitza, warned us not to hope to accomplish more than one thing per day," said Faigie Zimmerman, co-chairman of the UIA women's division.

"Everybody was more than nice, and very polite, from the tourist officials to the taxi drivers. There was a look of disbelief on people's faces when we told them we had come from Israel, but then they broke into big smiles."

Outside of Cairo, it was a different story.

Came the scheduled day to leave, March 5, and the women left their hotel early in the morning for the bus ride to Port Said, where they were to cross the Suez and then drive through the Sinai to Israel.

"When we arrived at Port Said everything was in complete disorder; there were masses of people, and cars, and trucks, all waiting to cross the canal. The pontoon bridge was to be laid down at noon. Noon came and went; the ships kept going through," recalls Mrs. Zimmerman.,

The hours passed, no answers could be elicited out of the port officials. "When a ship passes with a green flag, it means it's the last one in the convoy — that's the only way of knowing. And there was no other way of getting across. There were no barges and meanwhile the crowds were growing."

By 6 p.m., the women decided they had enough and went to the nearby town of El Qantara. The border at El Arish closes at 3 p.m. In El Qantara, they found, with their Egyptian guide, a local businessman who, after much time, was persuaded to take them across the Suez the next day on his barge.

The women went back to Cairo for the night and telexed Tel Aviv about the change in plans ("a phone call would have taken an hour, if it had got through at all.")

Back at El Qantara the next day, the women found the man with the barge. "It was broken. The guide offered to fix it, but 'no way' said the man. Finally after a lot of smiles and persuasion he let us get on his tugboat."

Back at the Suez the same people, and more, were still waiting to get across — the ships were still passing and the bridge had not yet been put down.

The tugboat man, seeing all those people on either side, by now getting a little restless, decided he'd rather not take the women across after all. The people will jump his boat, he said.

With a little help from the port authorities, the man was convinced to sail from another point on the canal away from the crowds. The women had left Cairo at about eight that morning. It was now close to noon and they had to make the 3 p.m. deadline at El Arish.

"We got about two-thirds of the way across the canal, and on the other side, we could see the ones who followed us and a guard trying vainly to hold them back. An Arab woman was cursing us."

"By this point we had a taste of what it was like to be an illegal immigrant coming to Palestine in 1948 and being turned back by the British. We had the feeling of being refugees...of complete helplessness."

Their Egyptian guide got the man to take the tugboat further downshore and the women were instructed to get off very quickly when they landed.

And this brings us to the opening scene.

Past the 10-foot bluff, they piled into four waiting taxis and rushed off through the desert, barely having time to see the dismantling of the military installations in the Sinai— the reason they had chosen to drive back to Israel from Egypt rather than fly.

"We made it to El Arish literally two minutes before three o'clock. The big Egged bus waiting for us never looked so good. When we got on the bus, I don't know if anyone started it, but we all spontaneously began singing Hatikvah."

Mrs. Zimmerman said the most important part of the mission turned out to be that frustrating experience in Egypt. "It gave us an insight into what the Middle East is really like, and how civilized Israel really is, although it's only an hour away.

"This Passover the story of the Exodus was much more real for the women, having gone through a second exodus in modern times."

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Influential supporters of Israel worry about settlements policy

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The 37-year-old senator insisted that Prime Minister Begin "seriously underestimates the depth of opposition" in the Congress to the settlements. "I'm mad as a devil," Biden said, explaining that the settlements — "more than any other issue including oil" — were needlessly eroding Israel's popularity among U.S. public opinion. "I think the Begin government is dead wrong in establishing settlements," he added.

Biden said that in his conversations with American Jews, "half of the ones I talk to fear and resent the settlements as much as I do."

Sen. George McGovern (D-S. Dak.), who has openly criticized various Israeli policies other than the settlements on several earlier occasions, also expressed his anger about the settlements during the hearing with Vance. McGovern made the case, however, that one-sided U.S. condemnations of Israel merely rally "divided Israeli public behind the Begin government — clearly counterproductive to the administration's own objectives on the settlement issue."

While Church, Biden, McGovern and virtually every other member of the House and senate committees sharply castigated the administration's anti-Israel vote and their criticisms received the bulk of the publicity in the U.S. news media, the little-noticed challenges by pro-Israel congressmen and senators to the settlements were welcomed by the State Department and the White House as further evidence of a consensus U.S. opposition to Israeli settlements.

This same message was relayed back to Jerusalem by Israeli diplomats here who monitored the hearings.

But Prime Minister Begin and other Israeli cabinet ministers earlier recognized their lack of support — even among Israel's best friends in Congress — for the settlements. Begin, for example, received a rude awakening shortly after he took office in 1977 when he was urged by Sen. Henry Jackson, during a private meeting in Washington, to freeze new settlement construction. Israel's campaign to justify the settlements since then has met with little success on Capitol Hill.

Most observers will agree that these Congressional expressions of concern have had an impact on the Israeli government's decision-making process. Without such communications, Prime Minister Begin and his cabinet probably would have moved ahead on new settlements much more ambitiously than has been the case.

But they have not been enough, obviously, to convince the Begin government to drop the settlements for the time being. When a new settlement is announced, officials in Jerusalem fully appreciate the political ramifications in Washington — in the administration, the Congress and public opinion.

Israel's reservoir of support on Capitol Hill, it must be pointed out, remains very solid, as demonstrated in late March when the House foreign affairs committee increased military assistance to Israel by $200 million over the Carter administration's earlier recommendations. This incredible increase came at a time when the overall federal budget was being cut nearly across the board.

But as Biden and other pro-Israel legislators fear, Israel's support may be weakening with each new settlement established.

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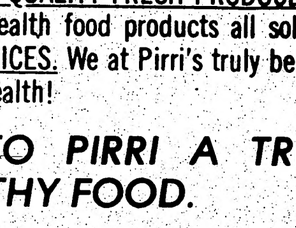

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